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SIXTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

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Reformed Church,

IN THE

UNITED STATES,

General Synod

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SIXTH TRIENNIAL SESSIONS.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, at its Triennial Sessions, convened in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in the month of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the fifteenth, and continued until the noon of the twenty-third day of the month, inclusive.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, pursuant to adjournment, convened in Triennial Sessions in the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, May 15, A. D. 1878, at eight o'clock in the evening, and was opened with religious services. The opening sermon, in the absence of the President Rev. William K. Zieber, D. D., was preached by the Vice President, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., who also presided at the organization of the Synod, from Philippians ii. 8: "*He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*"

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

The members enrolled and present were the following :

FROM THE SYNOD IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>E. Pennsylvania</i>	Alfred J. G. Dubbs Samuel A. Leinbach. Alfred J. Herman. Daniel Y. Heisler.	Jacob Rader. Thomas F. Butz. Thomas Faust. George Hagenbuch.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Charles H. Leinbach, D. D. Benjamin Bausman, D. D. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D. Charles F. McCauley, D. D.	John Meily (1). John F. Orth. Wm. F. Hoffman, M. D. J. H. Michael.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>	David Van Horne, D. D. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Henry W. Super, D. D. (2).	Hon. Hiram C. Hoover. Jacob Force. Richard W. Eastlack.
<i>Lancaster.</i>	Thomas G. Apple, D. D. Wm H. H. Snyder. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D.	George W. Hensel. William H. Seibert. Abraham Mader (3).
<i>E. Susquehanna.</i>	Calvin S. Gerhard. G. Dickey Gurley Aaron R. Hottenstein.	Jacob R. Hilbush. George Hill. David Eschbach.
<i>W. Susquehanna.</i>	James Crawford. Joseph G. Shoemaker.	Henry Miller. Elias Brown.
<i>Goshenhoppen.</i>	Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	David B. Mauger (4).
<i>Tohickon.</i>	David Rothrock. George W. Roth.	Samuel T Morris.

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1. He took his seat in the afternoon of the third day (Friday) of the Sessions.
 2. His seat was occupied from Monday morning, until the final adjournment, by Rev. John H. Sechler, *secundus*.
 3. His seat was occupied from Monday afternoon, until the final adjournment, by Elder John S. Wagner, *secundus*?
 4. His seat was occupied from the morning of the sixth day (Monday) of the Sessions, until the final adjournment, by Elder John B. Holloway, *secundus*.

FROM THE SYNOD OF OHIO.

<i>Miami.</i>	Isaac H. Reiter, D. D. Samuel Mease, D. D. Henry M. Herman	Andrew H. Baughman. William Kefauver. John Siegfried.
<i>Lancas'er (O.).</i>	Henry T. Spangler Austin Henry.	Peter Brown.
<i>Tuscarawas.</i>	Sebastian C. Goss. Theodore J. Bacher.	Hon. Thos. W. Chapman. Henry Dillier.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Geo W. Willard D. D. Jesse Richards.	Lewis Keller. John Hilbish.
<i>St. John's.</i>	Peter Greding, D. D.	Daniel Zimmerman. Christian Hanenkrat.
<i>Eastern Ohio.</i>	Edward H. Otting	John Williard.
<i>Northern Illinois.</i>	Daniel Lantz.	Frederick Bolender.
<i>Shelby.</i>	Simon P. Myers.	John Runkle.
<i>Iowa.</i>	Dewalt S. Fouse.	Daniel Cort.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	John R. Skinner Edwin R Williard	Peter Loose. S. A. Brownwell.
<i>Cincinnati.</i>	John Bachman Frederick W Berleman.	Henry Schroer.
<i>Kansas.</i>	Joseph A. Keller.	Frederick Isely

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

<i>Indiana.</i>	S. N. L. Kessler. Lewis Praikschatis. M. G. I. Stern (1).	Paul Jundt.
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	John Blaetgen. Ernst Wm. Henschen.	
<i>Heidelberg.</i>	John H Stepler. Christian Wisner.	Christian Vogt. Philip Keller.

1. He took his seat on the morning of the fourth day (Saturday) of the Sessions.

<i>Erie.</i>	John Chr. Young. Charles G. Ziph.	Bernard Sturm (1). William Becker.
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Augustus Becker. Fred. P. Leich.	
<i>Minnesota.</i>	J. H. C. Röntgen.	Peter Mades.
<i>Zion's.</i>	Peter H. Dippell. Charles F. Kriete.	Henry Drover. Henry Tons.
<i>Nebraska.</i>	No members present.	
<i>Ursinus.</i>	John Rettig.	

FROM THE SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.

<i>Westmoreland.</i>	John M. Titzel (2). David B. Lady.	Wm. R. Barnhart. Abner Cort.
<i>Clarion.</i>	Henry Hoffman. D. S. Dieffenbacher.	Henry Hoch. Chas. H. Beishouse.
<i>St. Paul's.</i>	David D. Leberman (3).	Christian M. Boush, Esq.
<i>Somerset.</i>	Albert E. Truxal.	Joseph Horner.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	Joseph Hannabery. Joel W. Alspach.	Thomas J. Craig. Geo. F. Rabausser.

FROM THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

<i>Zion's.</i>	Israel S. Weisz, D. D. William F. Colliflower. George W. Glessner, D. D.	George Julius. Emanuel Krone. Francis M. McKeehan.
<i>Maryland.</i>	Joseph W. Santee, D. D. William Goodrich. Edmund R. Eschbach.	Louis Markell J. Taylor Motter. Goldsboro S. Griffith (4).

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1. He took his seat on the morning of the seventh day (Tuesday) of the Sessions.
 2. His seat was occupied during Monday and Tuesday forenoon by Rev. John W. Love, *secundus*.
 3. His seat was occupied from Monday morning, until the final adjournment, by Rev. Joseph H. Apple, *secundus*.
 4. He took his seat on the evening of the sixth day (Monday) of the Sessions.

<i>Mercersburg.</i>	John A. Peters.	John P. Reed.
	Wm. M. Deatrick.	William Bossert (1).
	Milton H. Sangree.	Jacob Heyser, Esq.
	William C. Cremer (2).	Adam Haderman.
<i>Virginia.</i>	Samuel N. Callender, D. D.	Wm. H. Bargelt.
	Joseph S. Loose.	John N. Nicely.
<i>North Carolina.</i>	Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D.	
<i>San Francisco.</i>	No members present.	

FROM THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.

<i>New York.</i>	John F. Busche.	
<i>West New York.</i>	John B. Kniest.	
<i>Ger. Philadelphia.</i>	Jacob Dahlman	William D. Gross
	John Kuelling, D. D. (3).	Jacob Langendoerfer.
<i>Ger. Maryland.</i>	Marcus Bachman.	John Lorz.
<i>Ger. W. Pennsylvania.</i>	John Heberle.	

MEMBERS FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

From the Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.

Rev. Charles B. Shultz.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

From East Pennsylvania Classis.—Rev. H. H. W. Hibschan.

From Lebanon Classis.—Revs Franklin W. Kremer, D. D., John P. Stein, Henry A. Keyser, Henry Mosser, George Wolff, D. D., George W. Aughinbaugh, D. D., Leighton G. Kremer, John O. Johnson, Martin L. Fritch, Robert S. Appel, Moses Peters, Thos. C. Leinbach, J. Alvin Reber.

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1. His seat was occupied from the morning of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the Sessions, to the close, by Elder Samuel T. Wagner, *secundus*.
 2. He was superseded during Friday and Saturday forenoon by Rev. Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., *primarius*.
 3. He was superseded on the evening of the sixth day (Monday) of the Sessions by Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., *primarius*.

From Philudelpia Classis.—Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., John H. Sechler, Eusebius H. Dieffenbacher, George H. Johnston, James I. Good. Peter S. Davis, D. D., Joseph H. Hunsberger, David E. Klopp, D. D., A. B. Stoner, Henry M. Kieffer.

From Lancaster Classis (Pa.).—Revs. William T. Gerhard, John G. Fritchey, John W. Nevin, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., David B. Shuey, Alfred B. Shenkle, J. H. Pennabecker, Prof. Joseph H. Dubbs, Fred. A. Gast, D. D., Darius W. Gerhard, Joseph B. Shumaker, Stephen Schweitzer, Prof. John S. Stahr, Conrad Clever, Louis F. Zinkhn, Daniel C. Tobias, George W. Snyder. Elders Daniel Lefever and Daniel Heitshu.

From East Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. Jacob B. Kerschner, Tilghman Derr, William G. Engle. Edward D. Miller, Benj. S. Metzger, David O. Shoemaker.

From West Susquehanna Classis.—Revs. John F. De Long and Isaac S. Stahr.

From Goshenhoppen Classis.—Revs. Eli Keller and S. M. K. Huber.

From Tohickon Classis.—Rev. R. Leighton Gerhart.

From Miami Classis.—Rev. William A. Hale.

From Eastern Ohio Classis.—Rev. John J. Leberman

From Iowa Classis.—Rev. Cyrus Cort.

From Westmoreland Classis.—Revs. John W. Love and John McConnell.

From Clarion Classis.—Revs. Jacob F. Wiant, Tilghman R. Dietz, and H. W. Hoffmeier.

From St. Paul's Classis.—Rev. Joseph H. Apple.

From Somerset Classis.—Rev. Calvin U. Heilman.

From Allegheny Classis.—Revs. Thomas F. Stauffer, William F. Lichliter, and Thomas J. Barkley.

From Zion's Classis (Pa.).—Revs. Jacob D. Zehring, Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Aaron Spangler, Wm. R. H. Deatrick, Reinhart R. Smith, Fred J. Sauerber, Francis S. Linderman, William H. Herbert.

From Maryland Classis.—Revs. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., Joel T. Rossiter, Thomas F. Hoffmeier, J. Spangler Kieffer. Elder Hon. Lewis H. Steiner, M. D.

From Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. Charles Gundlach, Cyrus H. Reiter, John H. Sykes, J. David Miller, David W. Ebbert, Adam C. Whitmer, Prof. John B. Kieffer. Elder Adam B. Wingerd

From Virginia Classis.—Revs. John A. Hoffheins and John C. Bowman.

From German Philadelphia Classis.—Revs. Christian Keller, Nicholas Gehr, D. D., John G. Neuber, Charles Becker, George A. Scheer.

From German Maryland Classis.—Revs. Conrad Borchers, J. Conrad Hauser, and John W. Ebbinghaus.

MINISTERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

Rev. Emanuel Greenwald, D. D., Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. Y. Mitchell, Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. Richards Boyle, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. J. B. Soule, Church of God.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. David Van Horne, D. D., *President*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., *Vice President*, Reading, Pa.

Rev. Peter Greding, D. D., *Vice-President*, New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Miamisburg, Ohio.

Rev. Jacob Dahlman, *Assistant Clerk*, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Theodore J. Bacher, *Corresponding Secretary*, Wooster, Ohio.

Mr. William D. Gross, *Treasurer*, Philadelphia, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order used by the last General Synod were adopted as the rules by which this General Synod shall be governed in its deliberations during its present sessions.

The *Bar of the House* was defined to be the first ten pews from the front of the church.

The following hours were fixed upon for opening and closing the present sessions of the Synod.

The *Morning Sessions* to open at nine and close at a quarter before twelve o'clock.

The *Afternoon Sessions* to open at half-past two and close at five o'clock.

Evening sessions were held on Thursday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday—the second, sixth, seventh, and eighth days of the sessions.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees :

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: *Ministers*—John Kuelling, D. D., Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Joseph H. Dubbs, Joseph B. Shumaker. *Elders*—George Julius, Abraham Mader, Richard W. Eastlack.

SYNODICAL MINUTES:

Minutes of the General Synod *Ministers*—Thomas G. Apple, D. D., William F. Colliflower, Alfred J. G. Dubbs *Elders*—Andrew H. Baughman, J. Taylor Motter.

Minutes of Synod in United States and Ohio Synod. *Ministers*—Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D., John M. Titzel, Israel S. Weisz, D. D. *Elders*—John P. Reed, Henry Tons.

Minutes of the Pittsburg and Potomac Synods. *Ministers*—Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D., S. N. L. Kessler. *Elders*—William D. Gross, David Eschbach.

Minutes of Synod of Northwest and German Synod of East. *Ministers*—Joseph A. Keller, John Bachman, Charles H. Leinbach, D. D. *Elders*—J. H. Michael, J. N. Nicely.

OFFICIAL REPORTS OF CLASSES: *Ministers*—Samuel N. Callender, D. D., Henry T. Spangler, Augustus Becker. *Elders*—Henry Schroer, Wm. F. Hoffman, M. D.

OVERTURES: *Ministers*—Marcus Bachman, Sebastian C. Goss, David D. Leberman. *Elders*—Philip Keller, Louis Markell.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES: *Ministers*—Samuel Mease, D. D., John A. Peters, Theodore J. Bacher. *Elders*—Frederick Bolender, Daniel Cort.

STATE OF THE CHURCH: *Ministers*—John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., George W. Glessner, D. D., Wm. H. H. Snyder, Simon P. Myers, Charles F. Kriete, John F. Busche. *Elders*—Jacob Langendoerfer, Frederick Isely.

MISSIONS—HOME AND FOREIGN: *Ministers*—Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., John H. Stepler, Dewalt S. Fouse, Edward H. Otting. *Elders*—John Williard, Jacob Force, John Hilbish.

ORPHAN HOMES: *Ministers*—Charles F. McCauley, D. D., John R. Skinner, John B. Kniest, D. S. Dieffenbacher. *Elders*—Christian M. Boush, John Lorz.

NOMINATIONS: *Ministers*—Fred. W. Berleman, Henry W. Super, D. D., James Crawford, Jesse Richards, Austin Henry. *Elders*—Hon. Hiram C. Hoover, Hon. Thomas W. Chapman, Henry Drover.

FINANCE: *Ministers*—Henry M. Herman, Peter H. Dippell, Edwin R. Williard, Wm. M. Deatrick. *Elders*—William Kefauver, Henry Miller, David B. Mauger.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. There were four copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod received, through the Stated Clerk and the Assistant Clerk and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Synod in the United States, of the Ohio Synod, of the Synod of the Northwest, of the Synod of the Potomac, and of the German Synod of the East, for the period intervening since the last triennial sessions of the General Synod, were received, through the respective Stated Clerks, and referred to the respective Committees on the Minutes of the several District Synods.

3. The Minutes of the Classes of East Pennsylvania, Lebanon, Lancaster, East Susquehanna, West Susquehanna, Miami, Eastern Ohio, Iowa, St. Joseph, Cincinnati, Kansas, Indiana, Heidelberg Erie, Ursinus, Clarion, Somerset, Allegheny, Maryland, Mercersburg German Philadelphia, German Maryland, and German West Pennsylvania, were received and referred to the Committee on Official Reports of Classes.

4. The report of the General Board of Foreign Missions, together with the report of its Treasurer; and the report of the Board of Home Missions, including that of its Treasurer; and also an overture from the Sheboygan Classis in behalf of their mission among

the Indians, were received and referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The report of the Treasurer of the General Synod was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

6. Also sundry papers and documents were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The General Synod, during its present sessions, observed the following religious services :

1. The sessions of each day were opened and closed with suitable religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Religious Services would respectfully report the following appointments :

First Reformed Church.—Saturday evening: preparatory services, Rev. P. Schaff, D. D. Sunday morning: Synodical Communion, Rev. D. Van Horne, D. D., English, and Rev. P. Greding, D. D., German. Sunday evening: missionary services, under the direction of the Board of Missions. Sunday-school: Rev. R. L. Gerhart.

St. Paul's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. W. F. Colliflower. Sunday-school: Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., and I. S. Weisz, D. D.

St. Stephen's Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. W. C. Cremer.

St. John's Reformed German Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. C. F. Kriete. Sunday evening: Rev. A. J. G. Dubbs, Rev. J. H. C. Röntgen. Sunday-school: Rev. A. Becker, Rev. E. W. Henschen.

Reformed Mission.—Sunday evening: Rev. C. U. Heilman. Sunday-school: Rev. D. S. Dieffenbacher, 6 P. M.

Presbyterian Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. J. M. Titzel. Sunday evening: Rev. S. Mease, D. D.

St. John's Lutheran.—Sunday morning: Rev. J. H. A Bomberger, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. A. E. Truxal.

Evangelical Association.—Sunday morning: Rev. S. N. L. Kessler. Sunday evening: Rev. M. H. Sangree.

Methodist Episcopal Church, N. Duke Street.—Sunday morning: Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. C. Z. Weiser, D. D.

New Providence.—Rev. Joseph Hannabery.

Manheim.—Sunday morning: Rev. E. H. Otting. Sunday evening: Rev. A. Henry.

Trinity Lutheran.—Sunday morning: Rev. E. R. Eschbach. Sunday evening: Rev. W. H. H. Snyder.

Grace Lutheran.—Sunday morning: Rev. C. Cort. Sunday evening: Rev. D. S. Fouse.

Moravian.—Sunday morning: Rev. W. Goodrich. Sunday evening: Rev. Joseph G. Shoemaker.

St. Stephen's Lutheran.—Sunday morning: Rev. C. H. Leinbach, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. W. G. Engle.

Bethany Lutheran, Millersville.—Sunday afternoon: Rev. Jesse Richards

Baptist.—Sunday morning: Rev. J. R. Skinner. Sunday evening: Rev. D. B. Lady.

Millersville Reformed Church.—Sunday morning: Rev. H. Rust, D. D. Sunday evening: Rev. T. J. Bacher.

Reformed Church, Columbia.—Rev. D. Y. Heisler.

Union Bethel.—Sunday morning: Rev. S. P. Myers.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN KUELLING, *Chairman*.

The religious services, as appointed by the Committee, were severally observed.

Also, by special appointment, and request of Synod, Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D. preached a sermon on Thursday evening, and Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D. preached the preparatory sermon on Saturday evening.

ARTICLE VIII.

SYNODICAL MINUTES.

I. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on Minutes of the General Synod pre-

sented their report, which was received, and disposed of item by item, and adopted as a whole; and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the last General Synod respectfully report, as follows :

Item 1, page 30. Ecumenical Council of Presbyterian churches—officers instructed to communicate Synod's action.

Item 2, page 30. Delegates to corresponding bodies.

Item 3, page 44. The Treasurer of General Synod was instructed to pay deficiency to Treasurer of Church Extension.

Item 4, page 45. Instruction to Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 5, page 46. Election for Board of Directors of Orphan Homes.

Item 6, page 47. Recommendation to the District Synods in regard to Sunday-school interest.

Item 7, page 51. Recommendation to the Classes in regard to credentials of delegates and classical seals.

Item 8, page 52. Form of statistics to be prepared by the Clerks.

Item 9, page 54. Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

Item 10, page 59. Committee on English Hymn Book.

Item 11, page 59. Committee on German Hymn Book.

Item 12, page 60. Proceeds of German Hymn Book Fund to be paid to the Buchverein at Cleveland, Ohio.

Item 13, page 62. Committee on Office of Deacon.

Item 14, page 64. Action in regard to Divorce.

Item 15, page 67. Publication of Minutes by the Stated Clerk.

Item 16, page 69. Committee on Centennial Historical Sketch of the Reformed Church.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman.*

The report was disposed of as follows : In item 1, adopted and the duty assigned was attended to by the officers of Synod; in item 2, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches; for disposition of item 3, see Article XX., Finance; items 4, 6, 7 and 12 were adopted; for action in item 5, see Article XIV., Benevolent and Religious Institutions; for action in items 8, 9, 10, 11, 13 and 14, see Article XVIII., Church Government; for report in item 15, see Article XXI., Publication; and for report in item 16, see Article XXIII., Miscellaneous.

II. MINUTES OF DISTRICT SYNODS.

The several Standing Committees on the Minutes of the different District Synods submitted their respective reports, which were received and considered item by item, and then adopted as a whole. These several reports are as follows :

1. *Synod in the United States and Ohio Synod.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synods of the United States and of Ohio would respectfully report that they find the following items that may claim the consideration of this General Synod :

Item 1, page 10. Minutes of the Synod in United States for 1875. The Synod's action on the judgment, recommendation, etc., of the General Synod of 1875.

Item 2, page 29. Minutes of same Synod for 1877. Complaint of Dr. D. E. Klopp to the General Synod of the action of Synod in making requests directly of the ministers and not through the several Classes.

Item 3, page 47. Minutes for same year. Complaint of Dr. D. E. Klopp and Rev. John H. Sechler against the action of Synod adopting the action of its Committee on Finance.

Item 4, page 18. Minutes of Ohio Synod, 1876. The favorable action of this Synod on the several requests, etc., of the General Synod of 1875.

Item 5, page 71. Minutes of same year. An appeal from the decision of Synod by Rev. J. H. Derr. Synod appointed the delegates of Tiffin Classis to General Synod to defend its action.

Item 6, page 64. Minutes of same Synod for 1877. A request that the General Synod incorporate in its Minutes the various statistical tables of the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WM. WELKER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows : Items 1 and 4 were adopted ; for disposition of items 2 and 3, see Article XVII., Complaints ; for action in item 5, see Article XVI., Appeals and References ; and for disposition of item 6, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

2. *Pittsburg and Potomac Synods.*

The Committee to which were referred the Minutes of Pittsburg and Potomac Synods would respectfully present the following subjects as claiming the attention of the General Synod.

PITTSBURG SYNOD, 1875.

Item 1, page 10. Sunday-school interests are referred to the Committee on Institutions of Learning.

Item 2, page 11. The equalizing of the expenses of delegates to the Synod was adopted.

Item 3, page 11. The unpaid assessment was attended to.

Item 4, page 11. New assessment referred to the Committee on Finance.

1877.

Item 5, page 7; article 9, item 2. Allegheny Classis requests Synod to overture the General Synod, to add a column to the statistical table for erasures from the Church registers, made as prescribed in Article CXV., Section 3, Chapter 2, part of the Constitution.

POTOMAC SYNOD, 1875.

Item 6, page 10. A resolution referring the subject of Home Missions to the District Synod Boards was adopted.

Item 7. A resolution referring the Sunday-school interests to the District Synods was adopted.

Item 8, page 36. The recommendation to the District Synods, as reported in item 33 of Committee on General Synod, concerning expenses of delegates to the Synods of the Church, was, on motion, referred to General Synod's Committee on New Constitution.

Item 9, page 30. The Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Treasurer of the General Synod \$166, being the sum assessed upon this Synod for the contingent fund of the General Synod.

Item 10, page 43. This Synod respectfully requests the General Synod to take immediate action so to change the present law of representation, that each District Synod may have power to fix its method of representation within itself, while a uniform method of representation, so far as the General Synod is concerned, be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT Z. WEISER, *Chairman*.

Disposed of as follows: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9 were adopted; and for action in items 5, 8 and 10, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

3. *Synod of Northwest and German Synod of East.*

The Committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the Northwest, and of the German Synod of the East begs leave to report as follows:

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.—1876.

Item 1, page 13. This Synod adopted the following recommendations of the General Synod: (*a*) Direction that mission sermons be preached annually, and that annual collections for the mission cause be taken. (*b*) Transfer of the Sunday-school work to the District Synods. (*c*) Forms for statistical reports. (*d*) On granting licensure. (*e*) On theological instruction.

1877.

Item 2, page 13. An inquiry of Erie Classis whether it be advisable further to give aid to the Evangelical Mission Society was referred to the General Synod.

1878.

Item 3. A communication of Sheboygan Classis, with respect to a mission among the Indians, was referred to the General Synod.

Item 4. General Synod was requested to direct the Ohio Synod in future not to receive any congregation without a dismissal from their respective Classes.

MINUTES OF THE GERMAN SYNOD OF THE EAST.—1875.

Item 5. The following recommendations of General Synod were adopted: (*a*) Page 28. That a column be added to statistical reports, in which contributions for congregational purposes shall be reported. (*b*) That the Classes report the number of their students for the ministry, and of adult baptisms. (*c*) Recommendation of annual mission sermons, and annual collections for missions. (*d*) That the Mission Boards of the District Synods report upon their operations to the Board of the General Synod. (*e*) The transfer of the Sunday-school work to the District Synods.

Item 6, page 56. General Synod is requested to give an expression, whether a congregation in our connection has the right to exclude members because of their connection with secret societies, or to refuse to receive such persons as members.

1876.

Item 7, page 27. General Synod is requested to sanction the existing appendix of forty hymns made to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn Book.

1877.

Item 8, page 54. General Synod is respectfully and urgently requested, according to Article LXXX. of the Constitution, to refer

without further delay to the Classes, for adoption or rejection, such liturgies and hymn books as have not yet been so referred.

Item 9, page 56. General Synod is requested to add to its published proceedings the complete statistical tables of all the Classes, taken from the last-published Minutes of the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. KELLER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 5, including the several sub-items, were adopted; for action in items 2 and 3, see Article XIII., Missions; and for action respecting items 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, see Article XVIII., Church Government.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Official Reports of Classes submitted their report, which was received, amended and adopted, and, after having been considered item by item, was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

Your Standing Committee on the Official Reports of the Classes begs leave to report.

Reports from the following Classes came into the hands of your Committee, to-wit: Miami, E. Pennsylvania, Shelby, Lancaster (Pa.), Philadelphia, Lebanon, West Susquehanna, East Pennsylvania, Iowa, Mercersburg, Allegheny, Maryland, Somerset, Clarion, St. Joseph, Kansas, Eastern Ohio, Tuscarawas, Tiffin, Cincinnati, Heidelberg, Erie, German West Pennsylvania, German Philadelphia, German Maryland and Indiana.

Item 1. There has been a very general approval of the acts and recommendations of General Synod, sent down to the Classes, as appears from the official reports placed in the hands of your committee

Item 2. Several of the Classes report in their minutes as containing nothing requiring the attention of General Synod.

Item 3. West Pennsylvania Classis requests General Synod to define more clearly the boundaries between the German West Pennsylvania and St. John's Classes.

Item 4. Heidelberg Classis requests a clearer definition as to the

use of the different headings of the statistical tables, especially of the heading, Benevolent Contributions.

Item 5 German Maryland Classis resolved, touching the interest of Foreign Missions, to act according to the resolutions adopted by the Synod in the United States, 1875, page 40. The action of General Synod, to which this is a response, is on page 40 of last Minutes.

Item 6. Allegheny Classis requests General Synod to decide whether Article 57, Section II. Chapter II. of the Constitution means that the President has a right to demand that the parties desiring a special meeting of Classis, shall guarantee the payment of expenses of members attending such special meeting, before he issues the call.

Item 7. Mercersburg Classis overtures General Synod, to give a deliverance on the method which should be pursued by the several Classes in electing the Primarii and the Secundi Delegates to the General Synod.

Item 8. Iowa Classis requests General Synod to add a column to the statistical reports in which shall be reported the salaries of pastors alone.

Item 9. Same Classis requests to so amend the Constitution that all ordinances, such as Hymn Books, Liturgies, etc., printed in the German Language and intended for use solely among our German Congregations, shall be submitted to the German Classes alone for their approval and shall become valid when approved by a majority of such Classes; and, *vice versa*, all Hymn Books, Liturgies, etc., for the use of the English-speaking portion of the Church shall require the sanction of a majority of the English Classes alone.

Item 10. Same Classis earnestly requests that steps be taken to equalize the traveling expenses of the Delegates to General Synod, and in case it does not see its way clear to do so, to make provision at least for the payment of *one-third* of the necessary traveling expenses of Delegates from all Classes west of the Mississippi River.

Item 11. Same Classis requests General Synod to stand by the deliverance it gave at Fort Wayne, on the subject of Divorce, and that all reasonable efforts be made to have the General Synod (at Lancaster) give a full, explicit and Scriptural deliverance on this subject.

Item 12. East Pennsylvania Classis does not see its way clear in the taking up of collections for the Foreign Mission work, until the

General Synod establishes one or more Reformed Missions in the foreign field.

Item 13. German Philadelphia Classis requests General Synod to make provision that every Minister, and every delegated Elder, shall receive an official copy of the Minutes of General Synod in German and in English.

Item 14. Erie Classis submits a statement, in which it is shown why Rev. Weiss left the Mission field in India, under guidance of the German Evangelical Missionary Society of New York, and also the action of said Society of regarding the dismissal of Rev. Weiss, and further request the opinion of General Synod whether under the circumstances it is advisable to give said Missionary Society the support of our Church. Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows: Items 1 and 2, were adopted; for action in items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, see Article XVIII., Church Government; in item 4, the Classis is directed to General Synod's action in 1875, Minutes, pages 15 and 19; in item 11, the Classis is referred to General Synod's deliverance on the subject in 1875, Minutes, page 63; for disposition of items 5, 12 and 14, see Article XIII., Missions; and for action in item 13, see Article XXI., Publication.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures submitted the following report, which was received and disposed of item by item, and then adopted as a whole:

Your Committee on Overtures would report that the following papers have come into their hands and require the attention of Synod:

Item 1. An Overture from the Sheboygan Classis to this Synod in behalf of their Mission among the Indians, asking this Reverend Body for aid.

Item 2. A letter from the Secretary of the Classis of San Francisco relating to their Mission work, trials and hopes, and praying Synod to be excused for non-attendance.

Item 3. A letter from the Minnesota Classis praying Synod to pay a part of the traveling expenses of delegates to this Synod.

Item 4. A letter from Rev. Henry Hanhart in regard to a claim for services rendered as a Missionary.

Item 5. A communication from Rev. D. E. Klopp, D. D., giving reasons for complaining against a certain action of the Synod in the United States.

Item 6. A communication signed by Revs. D. E. Klopp, D. D., and John H. Sechler, giving reasons for complaint against the action of Synod in the adoption of the Report of the Committee on Finance.

Item 7. A letter from Rev. Aug. H. Lochman, delegate of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, together with a copy of the proceedings of the twenty-eighth convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Item 8. A letter from Geo. Gelbach tendering his resignation as Treasurer of Church Extension Fund.

Item 9. A communication from the Board of Directors of the German Publishing House, at Cleveland, Ohio, together with a copy of the Sunday-school Hymn Book.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCUS BACHMAN, *Chairman.*

Disposed of as follows : For action in items 1, 4 and 8, see Article XIII., Missions ; item 2 was adopted and the request granted ; for action in item 3, see Article XVIII., Church Government ; for disposition of items 5 and 6, see Article XVII., Complaints ; for report in item 7, see Article XI., Correspondence with Sister Churches ; and for action in item 9, see Article XV., Sunday-schools.

ARTICLE XI.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH SISTER CHURCHES.

The Standing Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

I. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Correspondence with Sister Churches would respectfully submit the following :

That Synod with much pleasure received the Rev. Charles B. Shultz, the first delegate representing the Provincial Synod of the

Moravian Church; which Church is to be highly esteemed for her earnest and self-denying labors in extending Christ's kingdom.

Also, that a letter is placed in our hands from Rev. August H. Lochman, the alternate delegate to this body from the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, together with a copy of the Minutes of said Synod. We recommend that the above letter be read in the hearing of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL MEASE, *Chairman.*

II. REPORTS FROM DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The delegates elected by the last General Synod to Corresponding Bodies submitted their reports, which were received and ordered to be embodied in the printed Minutes of Synod, and are as follows :

1. *The General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body :

The undersigned respectfully reports that he attended the meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America held in Kingston, New York, in June, 1876. He was received kindly, and presented to that body the salutations of this Synod, together with a general statement of the condition and prospects of the Reformed Church in the United States. The President, in the name of their General Synod, cordially reciprocated the good wishes of this Synod, and expressed the earnest desire that the friendly relations between the two sister Churches might be continued.

So far as he could judge from the proceedings, the Synod he attended seemed to be harmonious, and actuated by strong denominational attachment; as well as by a fraternal and catholic spirit toward other denominations. Their public Church interests appear to be in a flourishing condition. Their literary and theological institutions are well sustained. Especially are they distinguished for activity and liberality in prosecuting the work of Foreign Missions. In reference to this subject, our own Church might well study to imitate their example. In the home-field, while they show interest and energy, their practical success in extending their Church falls behind our own denomination.

The President of their Synod requested your delegate to convey

to this body the kind Christian salutations of their Church, and their wishes and prayers for our success and prosperity in advancing the interests of the one common kingdom of our Lord.

The expenses of your delegate were twenty dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

LANCASTER, May 17, 1878.

THOMAS G. APPLE.

2. *The General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

There was no report received from the delegate elected to this body.

3. *The Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body :

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES :

Dear Brethren—The undersigned, appointed delegate primarius, at the last triennial meeting of your Reverend Body, convened at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to the Triennial Synod of the Moravian Church in North America, asks leave respectfully to report as follows :

In the kind providence of God I was permitted to attend the sessions of the Triennial Synod of the United Brethren in Christ, which convened on the 17th of May, A. D. 1876, at Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. It affords me pleasure to state that I was most cordially received, and treated with much kindness and brotherly love by the members of this venerable body. Because of this, and owing to the fact that there exist so many points of similarity between that branch of the Christian Church and our own, I at once felt at home in their midst.

I laid a copy of the Minutes of this Synod on their table, and presented the Christian salutations and greetings of our highest Ecclesiastical Judicatory to the Brethren, assuring them of our interest in their prosperity as a branch of the Christian Church.

These sentiments of your delegate were heartily reciprocated and affectionately responded to by the President.

They, as a Church, are wide awake, and very energetically engaged in carrying forward their *educational* and *missionary* interests. No branch of the Protestant Church is more earnestly and successfully engaged in *mission work* (especially in the foreign field) than the Moravian Church. May the blessing of the Great Head of the

Church continue to rest upon this vital branch of His Zion. I was assured they would appoint a delegate to our General Synod.

Bill of traveling expenses five dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

TULPEHOCKEN PARSONAGE, CHARLES H. LEINBACH.

May 15, 1878.

4. *The Evangelical Synod in America.*

The following report was received from the delegate to this body :

Your delegate to the Evangelical Synod of the West was fully determined to fulfill his duty, and to this end requested the Rev. C. H. G. Von Luthenau, of Tiffin, a member of that body, at the time of his removal to Illinois, to inform him of the time and place of the meeting of said Synod; but the desired information was never given, and hence he has not been able to attend to the duty assigned.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN RUST.

III. DELEGATES FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

During the morning session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, Rev. Charles B. Shultz, delegate from the Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church, appeared in Synod, and, having presented his credentials, took his seat as a corresponding member. In the afternoon of the same day, at three o'clock, as the order of the day, he addressed the Synod in an appropriate and fraternal manner, cordially conveying the greetings of the Church he represented. He also laid on the table of Synod a copy of the Minutes of the last triennial sessions of the Synod represented by him.

The President, in behalf of this Synod and the Church represented by it, briefly and suitably responded.

IV. ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America.—Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. Daniel Y. Heisler, *secundus*.

To the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.—Rev. Edmund R. Eschbach, *primarius*; Rev. Isaac H. Reiter, D. D., *secundus*.

To the Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church.—Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., *primarius*; Rev. George Wolff, D. D., *secundus*.

To the Evangelical Synod in America—Rev. John Bachman, *primarius*; Rev. Lewis Praikschatiss, *secundus*.

V. ALLIANCE OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

On motion, during the morning session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That this General Synod adopt measures at the present meeting to be represented at the Presbyterian Reformed Alliance, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in the year A. D. 1880.

Resolved, That this whole subject be referred to a special committee to report to this Synod.

The committee appointed consists of Revs. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Thomas S. Johnston, D. D., and Elders Andrew H. Baughman and Philip Keller.

This committee, during the morning session of the eighth day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The committee appointed to report on the election of delegates to the Presbyterian Reformed Alliance respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President of this body, in consultation with the other officers of the same, appoint, at the present sessions, twenty delegates—consisting of fifteen ministers and five elders—to represent the Reformed Church in the United States at the next meeting of the Presbyterian Reformed Alliance, to be held in the city of Philadelphia in the year A. D. 1880.

Resolved, That in case of a vacancy or vacancies, occurring by death or otherwise, the President is hereby empowered to fill them, and also to add members, should the quota from our Church call for a larger number. Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS G. APPLE, *Chairman*.

THE DELEGATES APPOINTED

To represent the Reformed Church in the United States in said Alliance are as follows :

From the Synod in the United States.

- Rev. John W. Nevin, D. D. Rev. Franklin W. Kremer, D. D.
 " J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D. Elder Jacob Rader.
 " Thomas G. Apple, D. D.

From the Synod of Ohio.

- Rev. Jeremiah H. Good, D. D. Rev. Lewis H. Kefauver.
 " George W. Williard, D. D. Elder Thomas W. Chapman.

From the Synod of the Northwest.

- Rev. Lewis Praikschatis. Elder Henry Tons.
 " Charles Schaaf.

From the Synod of Pittsburg.

- Rev. John M. Titzel. Elder Christian M. Boush, Esq.
 " Thomas J. Barkley.

From the Synod of the Potomac.

- Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D. Elder John P. Reed.
 " George W. Glessner, D. D.

From the German Synod of the East.

- Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D. Rev. John F. Busche.
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During the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, by request of Synod, Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., appropriately addressed the Synod on the subject of the Alliance, in regard to its object and purpose, its significance and mission, and the probable results of its meetings and work, commending it to favorable Christian consideration.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Standing Committee on the State of the Church presented their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Church beg leave to submit the following report:

Resting upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone; holding firmly to the faith once delivered to the saints, as declared with divine authority in the Sacred Scriptures the supreme rule of the Christian faith; preserving in its integrity the inheritance of grace rescued by our Reformed fathers from the grievous errors which had long held it in captivity; inspired continually by the only true comfort of believers in life and death, "that in soul and body we are not our own, but belong to our Savior, Jesus Christ, who with his precious blood hath fully satisfied for all our sins, and delivered us from the power of the devil," and will preserve his people unto everlasting life; leaning with humble and hearty trust on him in whom alone, by penitent faith and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, we have righteousness and strength; relying with unwavering confidence upon the Gospel of Christ as the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, and upon all the ordinances of the Lord as the true and efficient means of growth in grace and satisfaction for all his people; and waiting and working, in this precious faith and blessed hope, for the bright appearing of our Lord unto the glorious consummation of his kingdom of grace and truth; this General Synod, assembled in the three hundred and fifteenth year of the history of the Church which it distinctively represents, and the one hundred and fifty-second of its settlement in America, acknowledges with devout gratitude and joy, mingled with a humbling sense of its own manifold imperfections and shortcomings, the great mercy and kindness of God, our Redeemer and King in Jesus Christ so richly bestowed upon us. When we remember how often we have provoked the Lord by the fickleness of our fidelity to his Gospel, by the coldness of our zeal in the prosecution of the heavenly mission intrusted to us, and our failure to show forth by faith and love the praises of Him

to whom we owe our all, and still more his patient endurance of all these faults, we have reason to adopt the thanksgiving which our fathers drew from his word and put into our lips for the most tender service of the Sanctuary, and say: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name; bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits!" How often has he healed our diseases! How frequently has he redeemed our life from destruction! How richly hath he crowned us with loving-kindness and tender mercies! Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And the review of the past three years, to which we are now summoned, furnishes fresh occasion for such thank-giving, and demands a new offering of grateful praise. Indeed it does this most emphatically in view of what may prove the crowning blessing of these years, if hopes which have been awakened be fully realized.

Directing our review first to the general state of the Church during this period, it furnishes reason for thankfulness, in consideration of the divine aid and favor granted to the preaching of the Gospel, the observance of Gospel ordinances, and the gracious results achieved in the salvation of sinners, the bringing of so many of our children by personal repentance and faith in Jesus Christ to a consecration of themselves to the service of God their Savior in full communion with the Church, and in the measure of progress made, though far less than it should have been, in the furtherance of the kingdom of the Redeemer through our instrumentality. The numerical strength of the Church has been encouragingly increased. Many new houses of worship have been erected, and others have been repaired and beautified. Our cords at least have been lengthened, and tabernacles have been pitched beyond limits previously attained. And whilst it may well humble us to consider how much more might have rewarded greater faithfulness, and more single-hearted zeal, we may rejoice that the harvest has not utterly failed nor the vintage been wholly blighted. Under solemn responsibilities we have been most graciously sustained. Amidst many perils we have been wondrously preserved. And when the tempest has raged most violently, and angry waves have threatened to sweep away what was dearer than life, the power of Him whose voice rebuked the storm in Galilee, brought sure deliverance. And we need only refer to the summary of the results secured, under the blessing of God, set forth in the accompanying statistical tables, to learn what great things the Lord hath done for us, and how much better things may be expected

if, in greater fidelity to our trust, with warmer and purer zeal in our work, and renewed covenant devotion to the glory of God, we enter upon the triennial period now opening before us.

Turning from this general view to some *leading details* of our Church work, we may find reason for gratitude in the fair measure of prosperity attending our educational Institutions, and our Home Missionary effort, especially as these have been put forth by the Boards of some of the District Synods. Of our participation in the cause of Foreign Missions we can hardly speak without self-reproach. But even our sense of shame for past indifference and neglect, in this regard, encourages the hope that after another three years we shall be able to render a better account of our stewardship of that Gospel which we owe to perishing thousands in heathen lands. And with a world-embracing spirit of Missions revived in all hearts, we may confidently expect the richer blessing of Him who "is the propitiation not for our sins only but for the sins of the whole world," and who commands us, as well as fellow-believers of other households of faith, to preach his grace to all nations, to descend and rest with quickening influence upon all our departments of evangelical work.

From the same Synodical reports, which have suggested these statements, we also gather that the great interests of Sunday-schools are receiving annually growing attention, and that the Church is awakening more fully to a sense of the importance not only of having its children and youth gathered statedly for special training and instruction in the great facts and truths of Christianity, but still more of having all done thoroughly, and so as to fix in the heart lessons of sound piety taught in Christian homes, and to rear a generation well-fitted through grace for the duties and conflicts of life, and whose faith shall stand not in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Our Orphans' Homes are still maintained. And although the deep interest once manifested in them may have somewhat abated, this it is believed is only a temporary lull which will soon be succeeded by more cordial activity and by larger liberality on their behalf.

There is one more spot in this rapid survey, where Christian love prompts us to linger, though we may do so but for a moment. It is that which marks the resting-place of the sacred dust of the twenty-

nine brethren of the ministry,* who, since our last assembly, have been translated from the toils and conflicts of the Church militant to the rest and raptures of the home of heavenly peace. As affectionate memory recalls their names and labors in the Lord, it would be grateful to dwell upon what grace wrought in and through them. Some of them have been so long engaged in the active duties of their high calling, and so constantly identified with our ecclesiastical life, that their names and persons were almost synonyms for the Church itself. Others were soon and early removed from their ministerial fellowship, and called from their labors on earth to the joys of the home above. But whether they were taken from us in the prime vigor of their days, or, when age had wasted their strength, their departure admonishes us of our duty to be faithful unto death, as followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Finally, let us enter upon the new period of opportunity and duty before us with clearer apprehensions of their nature and significance, with firmer adherence to the principles of the trust committed to us.

* The Ministers of the Reformed Church deceased since May, 1875, are as follows:

NAMES.	Licensed.	Ordained.	Place of Death.	Time of Death.	AGE.		
					Years.	Months	Days.
Aurand, Henry.....	1833	1833	Lena, Ill.....	Oct. 8, 1876.....	70	10	4
Beck, D. D., John.....	1850	1850	Easton, Pa.....	April 19, 1877....	47		9
Bossler, David.....	1821	1821	York, Pa.....	May 14, 1875.....	75	1	
Bressler, Nathaniel E.....	1846	1846	Halifax, Pa.....	March 8, 1877....	55	6	1
Burkholder, Jacob.....	1861	1862	Denver, Ind.....	Aug. 17, 1875.....	51	11	18
Dubbs, D. D., Joseph S.....	1822	1823	Allentown, Pa.....	April 14, 1877....	80	5	29
Ernst, David B.....	1844	1844	Bath, Pa.....	March 11, 1877....	61	8	7
Farrell, Thomas.....	1864	1864	Carrollton, O.....	Nov. 29, 1875.....	68		
Heckerman, Henry.....	1845	1845	Bedford, Pa.....	April 5, 1876.....	59	2	29
Heller, Jeremiah.....	1837	1838	New Jefferson, O.....	Nov. 3, 1876.....	69		11
Hess, Henry.....	1839	1839	Mansfield, O.....	Aug. 13, 1875.....	64	6	27
Hess, Samuel.....	1827	1827	Hellertown, Pa.....	Nov. 23, 1875.....	70	10	28
Hoffmeier, Charles F.....	1843	1844	Lancaster, Pa.....	April 19, 1877....	73	6	26
Kelly, David W.....	1853	1858	Manchester, Md.....	Feb. 3, 1877.....	44		19
Kremer, Stephen K.....	1870	1870	Greencastle, Pa.....	Aug. 16, 1876.....	31	6	15
Leis, John Adam.....	1834	1835	Wernersville, Pa.....	Oct. 28, 1877.....	70	2	20
Meiboom, Gregory H.....	1870	1870	Jeffersonville, Ind.....	July 18, 1876.....	34	9	17
Mueller, Immanuel C.....	1868	1868	Wheeling, W. Va.....	Oct. 22, 1875.....	30	2	8
Fluuss, Casper.....	1849	1849	Crothersville, Ind.....	Feb. 28, 1878.....	52	10	
Schneider, D. D., Benj.....	1833	1833	Boston, Mass.....	Sept. 14, 1877....	72		
Stern, D. D., Max.....	1845	1845	Louisville, Ky.....	July 6, 1876.....	60	7	18
Weiser, D. D., Daniel.....	1823	1823	Pennsburg, Pa.....	Dec. 2, 1875.....	76	11	19
Wieser, Charles.....	1874	1874	Abilene, Kan.....	Feb. or Mar. 1877			
Williard, Henry.....	1837	1838	Lancaster, O.....	Nov. 29, 1875.....	65	7	21
Wise, Frederick.....	1852	1852	South Bend, Pa.....	June 30, 1876....	57	7	18
Wolff, David W.....	1856	1856	St. Petersburg, Pa.....	March 16, 1876....	46		
Wolff, John G.....	1836	1837	Lancaster, Pa.....	Jan. 22, 1878.....	66	8	28
Zeller, Jonathan.....	1830	1830	Lock Haven, Pa.....	Aug. 3, 1877.....	71	6	23
Ziegler, D. D., Daniel.....	1830	1830	York, Pa.....	May 23, 1876.....	71	10	12

NOTE—Rev. D. W. Kelly resided at Manchester, Md.; died at Harrisburg, Pa.; buried at Newport, Pa.

with warmer fraternal regard and co-operation in working out the vital interests of that trust, and above all animated by the hallowing inspiration of the love of Him to whose first love to us we owe all *we are in grace*, all we can do for Him by grace, and all our hopes of at last uniting through grace in glory with the general assembly of those ransomed and cleansed by His atoning blood in endless ascriptions of praise and honor and thanksgiving unto the Triune God forever. Amen.

J. H. A. BOMBERGER, *Chairman.*

(*For Statistical Reports see Appendix.*)

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The following reports on the subject of Missions, both Home and Foreign, claimed the attention of the General Synod, namely:

I. THE TRIENNIAL REPORTS.

1. *Report of the Board of Home Missions.*

The Board met for organization at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, early in the month of October, 1875. Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., was elected President, Rev. Geo. H. Johnston, Secretary, and Elder Charles Santee, Treasurer.

The members of the Board expressed a desire to enter more actively into the work, and to take charge of any Missions not operated by the subordinate boards. The Iowa Missions thus came under the nominal care of this Board, and received, through its Treasurer, such moneys as were designated by donors for this object.

The Hanhart case, referred by the General Synod at Fort Wayne to this Board, was carefully examined. After long and patient reference to facts and papers, we find that there is an old balance due the Rev. H. Hanhart, on his commission running through 1866 and 1867, at LaCrosse, Winconsin, when he abandoned the field January, 1868, of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150). He claimed more, with interest on the whole till now. But under all the circumstances the Board, in consultation with his friends, recommend that the above balance be paid out of the contingent treasury of this Synod; as there are no funds in the treasury of this Board. When the

missions and missionaries, with backstanding indebtedness, and the source of revenues were remanded to the District Synods, and they accepted of the arrangement, this Board was left without the means of meeting any deficiencies arising from inability or unwillingness of District Synods in paying the then backstanding dues to Missions in their several bounds.

The following statements represent the summary of the work, so far as reported by the several Synods:

1.) The joint operations of the Synod in the United States, the Pittsburg Synod, and the Synod of the Potomac:

Number of Missions.

The number of Missions under the care of the Board during this period was 41; of which 30 were in Pennsylvania, 1 in Maryland, 2 in Virginia, 2 in West Virginia, 1 in Delaware, 2 in California, 2 in Oregon, and 1 in the District of Columbia. The number at present is 27.

Missions transferred, now self-sustaining, or disbanded.

The Missions at Meadville, Triadelphia, West Virginia, Allentown, St. Stephen's, in Philadelphia, Kittanning, Liverpool, have become self-sustaining. The Missions at South Bethlehem, at Lykens and Scottdale have been connected with other congregations and needed no further assistance. St. Paul's, St. James', and St. Luke's Missions in Pittsburg were transferred to the German Synod. The Mission at Helvetia, West Virginia, was transferred to the Ohio Synod. Christ's Church Mission was disbanded.

Statistics.

The number of communicants in the different Missions as reported last year was.....

.....	2,251
Number of Sunday-school scholars.....	2,722
Additions by confirmation and certificate.....	673
“ baptisms.....	554
Amount contributed for benevolent purposes in two years...\$	1,371
“ “ local “ “ “ ...	21,956

These statistics are not complete. A considerable percentage might be added to each number and the result would be more accurate.

New Missions.

The Missions at Easton, Orbisonia, Wilkesbarre, Allentown, St. John's, Reading, Allegheny City, Washington, D. C.; Salem, Ore-

gon; Middlebrook, Virginia, were received under the care of the Board as new Missions.

Contributions.

The amount contributed for the support of Missions during the year 1875-76 was.....	\$10,333
The amount contributed for the support of Missions during the year 1876-77 was	8,392
For last half year about*.....	
Whole amount.....	\$18,725

Appropriations.

The amount paid for the support of Missions during the year 1875-76 was.....	\$9,922
The amount paid for the support of Missions during the year 1876-77 was.....	8,060
For last half year about.....	6,700
Whole amount.....	\$24,682

Reductions in Appropriations.

*According to the rule adopted by the Board, the reduction in the appropriations to the missionaries has been \$1,815.

The Tri-Synodic Plan.

The plan adopted by the three Synods, already mentioned in the year 1873, for carrying forward their missionary operations, through an Executive Council, culminating in a General Superintendent or Executive Head, came to an end last year. The Synods, however, with a considerable degree of unanimity at their last annual meeting readopted it without any change, and it is to be continued for another period of four years. On the whole, it has worked well and been productive of good and useful results.

From the statements made above, it will appear, as we think, that the work of Home Missions has been carried forward in the three Synods with energy and an encouraging degree of success. The whole interests committed to our hands have had serious difficulties to encounter. The stringency of the times has borne heavily upon our missions, not only preventing them from growing, but in some cases endangering their existence. The same cause has also had its affect on the liberality of our churches. The old difficulties, in the way of the growth and expansion of our Missions, still remain to a considerable extent. While some of our churches give liberally,

* No amount given in the report.—*Stated Clerk.*

others do little or nothing for the spread of the gospel outside of their own congregation. A serious difficulty is the want of concert of action and of system. At the present time the Board is endeavoring to overcome this by the establishment of auxiliary missionary societies, on the apostolic plan, in our congregations and Sunday-schools. If we succeed in this in our churches, generally, a new era in the history of Missions in our Church will be inaugurated and we shall reap the most encouraging results. We present to the Board of the General Synod copies of the Constitution prepared by the Executive Council for the establishment of such societies.

For details in regard to the particular Missions under the care of the Board, the General Board is referred to the reports of the Superintendent, published in the Minutes of the three Synods during the years 1876-77.

2.) The operations of the German Synod of the East:

For the year 1875.

Missions.....	6
Appropriations	\$1,550

1876.

Missions.....	7
Appropriations.....	\$1,662

During this year the Mission in Washington City was transferred to this Board.

1877.

Missions.....	11
Appropriations.....	\$2,152

During this year were added the following Missions: St. Mark's, Philadelphia (new); St. James', Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; St. Paul's, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Emanuel's, East Brooklyn, New York (new).

Some of these Missions are in a fair way of becoming self-supporting ere long. Several of them have been established fifteen years ago, and are progressing very slowly.

3) The operations of the Ohio Synod: The President of the Board of Missions of that Synod, the Rev. Dr. Geo. W. Williard, states that the following Missions have received aid from that Synod's Board, within the last three years, viz: Denver City, Colorado; Brown County Mission, Abilene, Wathena, and Hiawatha, Kansas; Ravanna, Missouri; Erie, Michigan; Sycamore, Illinois; Goshen, In-

diana; Greenville, Piqua, Hamilton Akron, Mohican, Somerset, Bellaire, Fostoria, and Jerusalem Mission, Ohio.

The following sums were raised for this cause: In 1876, \$1,911 93; in 1877, \$966.16; and in 1878, \$1,603.37; making a total for three years of \$4,481.46.

4.) The Missions of the Iowa Classis: The Iowa Classis has had during the last three years four Missions under its care; namely, Boulder, in Linn County, Brandon, in Buchanan County, Maquoketa, in Jackson County, and Pleasant Valley, in Fremont County. These Missions are served respectively by the following brethren: J. A. Smith, G. H. Albright, C. Cort, and D. P. Lefevre. The appropriations are as follows: J. A. Smith, *Boulder Mission*, \$225; G. H. Albright, *Brandon Mission*, \$200; D. P. Lefevre, *Pleasant Valley Mission*, \$225. The Maquoketa Mission became self-supporting in 1876. The amount raised for these Missions since last General Synod was about \$1,300; the greater part of which was raised within the bounds of Iowa Classis. The missionaries are all a year and more back on their salaries. There is great need that the Church make some provision for these men. There are many other points in the State where Missions could and should be established.

5.) From the Northwestern Synod the following report has been furnished to this Board, for facts needed to complete the representation of the whole work within the General Synod:

For the year 1876.

Missions.....	29
Appropriations.....	\$3,482 84

During 1876 three Missions were declared self-supporting, and others are in a fair way to reach that point.

1877.

Missions.....	26
Appropriations.....	\$2,729 75

During this year four Missions became self-supporting, and, in general, the prospects are encouraging.

1878.

No report.

	Whole No. of Missions.	Amounts expended.
Three Eastern Synods.....	41	\$24,682
German Eastern Synod.....	11	5,364
Iowa Classis.....	4	1,300
Ohio Synod.....	17	4,481
N. W. Synod.....	29	6,212

Total Missions.....102

Amount.....\$42,039

The amount passed through the treasury of the Board of General Synod for the Iowa Missions was \$517.54.

The incidental expenses of the Board have been \$32.46, which is respectfully asked to be paid.

It is not necessary to add a single word as to the vital importance of this great work of the Reformed Church. Commending it to the sympathy, prayers, and alms-deeds of our Christian people, we invoke upon all our missionary operations the favor and guidance of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, *President.*

2. Report of Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.

CHAS. SANTEE, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod—Reformed Church in the United States.*

1875.	DR.		
Oct. 20	To	Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick, Md., per Rev. E. R. Eschbach, for Home Missions in Iowa Classis.....	\$50 00
1876.			
Aug. 7	"	Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., per Chas. Santee.....	50 00
" 25	"	Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Altoona, Pa., from the Sunday-school, for Iowa Missions.....	10 00
Nov. 11	"	Chas. Santee, for Home Missions in Iowa.....	25 00
1877.			
Jan. 30	"	Sunday-school, Trinity Ref. Church, Boonsboro, Md. ..	20 00
May 3	"	Christ Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pa., per Chas. Santee.....	25 00
May 21	"	D. B. Mauger, Treasurer Goshenhoppen Classis, collected by S. M. K. Huber in his Charge.....	20 05
June 6	"	Thos. J. Craig, Treasurer Pittsburg Synod, from Westmoreland Classis for Iowa Missions.....	50 00
June 7	"	Rev. J. S. Kieffer, Hagerstown, Md., for Iowa Missions..	20 00
Oct. 15	Per	Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treasurer of Iowa Classis, as follows:	
	To	Rev. C. Cort, Maquoketa Charge.....	24 67
	"	" D. S. Fouse, Tipton Charge.....	31 81
	"	" " G. M. Albright, Wilton Charge.....	9 00
	"	" " G. H. Albright, Brandon Charge.....	9 84
	"	" " F. C. Bauman, Harmony Charge.....	40 00
	"	" " J. A. Smith, Boulder Charge.....	19 17
	"	" " D. P. Lefever, Pleasant Valley Charge.....	13 00
Oct. 26	"	T. J. Craig, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, for Missions in Iowa Classis.....	50 00
1878.			
Feb. 28	"	T. J. Craig, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod, for Missions in Iowa Classis.....	50 00
			\$517 54

1875.		CR.						
Oct. 13	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. of Iowa Classis..							\$50 00
1876.								
Aug. 7	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. Iowa Classis.....							50 00
Aug. 25	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. Lisbon, Iowa....							10 00
Nov. 11	By cash paid to Rev. Geo. Weber, Iowa.....							25 00
1877.								
Jan. 30	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. Iowa Classis.....							20 00
1877.								
May 3	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. Iowa Classis.....							25 00
May 21	" " " " " " " " "							20 00
June 6	" " " " " " " " "							50 00
June 7	" " " " " " " " "							20 00
Oct. 15	" " " " " " " " "							147 54
Oct. 26	" " " " " " " " "							50 00
1878.								
Feb. 28	By cash paid to Rev. D. S. Fouse, Treas. Iowa Classis							50 00
								\$517 54

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SANTEE, *Treasurer.*

We hereby certify that the above account is correct.

W. H. H. SNYDER, }
E. R. ESCHBACH, } *Auditing Committee.*

3. *Report of Treasurer of Board of Church Extension.*

GEO. GELBACH, *Treasurer, in account with the Board of Church Extension of the General Synod of the Reformed Church.*

Moneys received from May 1, 1875, to May 1, 1878.

DR.

From Lebanon Classis.....	\$1,945 38
" West Susquehanna Classis.....	508 54
" Lancaster "	85 00
" Goshenhoppen "	68 05
" Mercersburg "	30 55
" New York "	25 00
" Philadelphia " German	25 00
" Maryland "	18 00
" Charles Santee, Philadelphia.....	50 00
" Rev. G. D. Gurley, Bloomsburg, Pa.....	10 00
" Rev. M. H. Sangree, Everett, Pa.....	5 00
" Rev. Dietrich Willers, D. D., Fayette, N. Y.....	2 00
" Elder Daniel Aurandt.....	5 00
" Mrs. Hannah Crothers.....	5 00
\$2,782 52	

Moneys paid out from May 1, 1875, to May 1, 1878.
To whom and to what churches paid.

CR.

Balance due Treasurer as per last report.....	\$955 62	
To Rev. J. Fundeling, Pastor of Christ Church, Reading.....	112 00	
“ K. Stuber, Treasurer of Christ Church, Reading.....	129 00	
“ E. B. Kramm, Treasurer of Williamsport Church.....	455 03	
“ Rev. J. A. Keller, for Denver Mission.....	100 00	
“ Rev. Dr. G. H. Martin, Woodstock Church.....	25 00	
“ Rev. J. W. Steinmetz, Pastor of St. John Church, Reading.....	950 41	
“ Rev. E. D. Miller, Pastor of Shenandoah Church.....	533 97	
“ Rev. Frederick Fox, Napa Mission, Cal.....	10 00	
“ Rev. D. S. Fouse, Lisbon, Iowa.....	213 60	
		3,484 63
Balance due Treasurer.	\$702 11	

Moneys received from May 1, 1875, to May 1, 1878,
Toward balance due Treasurer, as per last report.

Amount due as above stated.....	\$955 62	
From Treasurer of Lebanon Classis.....	\$75 00	
“ Treasurer of Lancaster Classis.....	50 00	
“ Treasurer of Goshenhoppen Classis.....	28 00	
“ Treasurer of West Susquehanna Classis..	48 51	
“ Treasurer of Philadelphia German “	25 00	
“ Treasurer of New York Classis.....	25 00	
“ Rev. Dr. Dietrich Willers, Fayette.....	2 00	
		\$253 51

Balance due Treasurer.... \$702 11

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. GELBACH, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, *May 14, 1878.*

4. *Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.*

BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

The Board of Foreign Missions begs leave respectfully to submit the following report:

Three years have now elapsed since your reverend body intrusted to us the *work of Foreign Missions*; and, although your Board has, measurably at least, seen and felt the great importance of the work committed to their hands, and have by no means been idle during these years, yet we are sorry to report that we have nothing of an encouraging nature to lay before you. For the past *six* years, we may say, strenuous efforts have been made to find a suitable person (or persons) for the foreign field; but thus far all our efforts in this direction have proved futile and unavailing. The members of the Board, without exception, feel a deep interest in the work, most

firmly believing that our beloved Reformed Zion should manifest an active interest in the work of Foreign Missions; and that this is the *prevailing sentiment* throughout the entire Reformed Church, we have every reason to believe.

Your Board and its Executive Committee held at least ten or twelve meetings in different cities and towns; appeals and circulars were published in our different Church papers; letters were addressed to a number of persons; the Board received offers from various sources. Some of our young brethren were appointed to occupy the field, and urged to accept the appointment. The Secretary of the Board was instructed to visit New York, for the purpose of conferring personally with *Rev. Dr. J. M. Ferris*, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America. Dr. Johnston was cordially received by Dr. Ferris, and he cheerfully communicated much interesting and important information in regard to *their* missionary operations in India, and also in Japan. The latter field is especially regarded by them as *ripe for the harvest*. Offers of co-operation were made, and assistance proffered in enabling us to enter upon the work. From this report of our Secretary, and from valuable information received from different sources, we were happy in the conception that we beheld the dawn of day breaking upon us. These cheering reports we received in the midst of our Centennial Jubilee, in the Publication Rooms, No. 907 Arch Street, Philadelphia, July 6, 1876.

On the Centennial grounds we were ushered into the presence of *living representatives* of different nationalities—Japanese, Chinese, Turks, etc.

At this meeting we resolved anew that a suitable man should be secured at once and sent to Japan, so that he might, in connection with some mission already established by the Board of the Reformed Church in America, acquire a knowledge of the language, customs, localities, etc., and thus the better qualify himself to establish a mission under the auspices of our own Church. This *radiant gleam of sunshine vanished!* The *proper man* for the position was not to be found. Our brightest anticipations were blasted, and to-day we are constrained to report *we have not found the man!*

After having been thus repeatedly disappointed, the Executive Committee entertained the propriety of sending *two* missionaries into the field. The Committee felt, after mature deliberation, that *this* would be the better plan, and earnestly went to work to find

the men. Letters were addressed to the theological professors of Tiffin and Sheboygan, for the purpose of obtaining any information they might possess in regard to suitable persons for the Foreign Mission field. They readily responded, but were unable to furnish any definite information on the subject.

Thus it will be seen by members of this body, that the Board kept steadily in view the *instructions* received at Fort Wayne, Indiana, viz :

“ *Resolved*, That we instruct our Board of Foreign Missions to take again into earnest and prayerful consideration the establishing of a mission or missions of our own, and to proceed at once in this direction.”

We viewed this action of the General Synod as expressing the sentiment of the whole Church, and we believe the Church to be sincere and earnest in regard to this momentous work. She believes the great Head of the Church addresses himself to her when he says: “Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” “Lo! I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” It is not only a *duty* to preach the gospel to *all nations*, but as well a *glorious privilege*.

As is well known, our branch of the Church always manifested willingness to aid in the spread of the gospel in heathen lands, and for years has had her representatives among the missionaries in foreign countries. It is true they did not labor under our *immediate control*, for we have had no mission of our own, properly speaking; but they were *our brethren* in a peculiar sense, and we contributed toward their support. Hence it is with feelings of joy we contemplate the arduous, self-sacrificing and successful missionary labors (for many years) of our much beloved and greatly esteemed, but now *sainted brother*, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Schneider. So also Rev. Oscar Lohr, and others, who are laboring with great success in Birsampore, India, are “flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone.” No *outsider*, or stranger, may *charge* us, as a denomination, with *indifference* or *entire inactivity* in reference to foreign missionary operations.

The questions may however be asked, and with some degree of propriety, Where do we find the *cause*, or *causes*, of this *tardiness* on the part of the Church? and, especially, What is the reason of this *reluctance* on the part of the ministry to engage *at once* in this con-

fessedly great and important work? Important for its own sake, for the sake of the Church, and on account of the millions of perishing souls! Especially so, since we have a fund of \$5,296.39 lying idle in our treasury. Surely the cause is not found in a want of willingness on the part of the *Church*, inasmuch as she has repeatedly instructed, and even urged her Board to *go forward* at once in this direction. The Board is not only willing, but extremely anxious and desirous to obey, and thus carry out the expressed desire of the highest ecclesiastical judicatory of our Church. We all profess to believe in an overruling Providence, and hence also that every purpose has its *fixed time* of accomplishment. "Man *proposes* and God *disposes*." The time of deliverance of the Israelites from Egyptian bondage was a *set time*. So also the captives in Babylon were obliged to wait till their time of freedom arrived. The time of the birth of Christ was a *fixed time*; for it is declared by the inspired Apostle, "When the *fullness of the time was come*, God sent forth his Son." This holds good also in reference to the death, resurrection, and ascension of the Son of God; and also in regard to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. We do not refer to these significant facts to justify the *tardiness* of our Church in engaging with greater energy and zeal in the work of Foreign Missions, but simply throw out the hint whether this may not be the reason why we have not met with greater success in the past. We humbly confess that we as a Church are not doing what we *could* and *should* do in this direction; but we entertain the fond hope that the day is not too far distant when we, too, will be incited with *new ardor*, and will go forward, accomplishing much more in the *near future* than we have accomplished in the past; and when we shall have *many* missions in successful operation in different parts of the heathen world. May this *set time* for our Zion speedily dawn!

The Board seems to be shut up to the necessity of reporting the whole subject of Foreign Missions back again to the General Synod. It may, however, serve to give direction to the further consideration of the matter, if some recommendation were made to Synod. We therefore present two courses that may be pursued:

First. To continue the effort to establish a mission under the direct and sole care of our Church.

Second. To take measures to unite our foreign missionary work with that of the Reformed Church in America, with a view to reach in the course of time, if considered desirable, an independent mis-

sion of our own. This Board, as the result of their experience, hereby recommends the latter course.

In reference to the *financial status* of the Board, we refer you to the report of the Treasurer, which is herewith presented. Our younger ministers, and others, we refer to the stirring and touching appeal of our worthy Secretary, published in the April number of the *Mercersburg Review*.

May the great Head of the Church, through the special guidance of the Holy Spirit, direct you in all your deliberations, and enable you to devise such measures in regard to the subject of Foreign Missions as will be calculated to promote His glory, and aid in bringing all nations under the benign influence of His blessed gospel, is the sincere and earnest prayer of your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEINBACH, *President*.

5. Report of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

THOMAS J. CRAIG, *Treasurer, in account with Board of Foreign Missions of General Synod of Reformed Church.*

1875.

DR.

Aug. 18	To Balance from late Treasurer, Hon. R. F. Kelker.....	\$4,350 90
	From Contributions from that date to January 31, 1878...	396 05
	Interest	733 30

\$5,480 25

CR.

By amount paid on Vouchers.....	\$ 183 86
Balance in the Treasury.....	\$5,296 39

\$5,480 25

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CRAIG, *Treasurer*.

We, the undersigned, appointed a Committee to audit the account of Elder T. J. Craig, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, beg leave most respectfully to report that we have attended to the duty imposed upon us and find the said account correct, showing a balance of *five thousand two hundred and ninety-six* and $\frac{39}{100}$ dollars in the hands of the Treasurer.

Witness our hands, this 16th day of May, A. D. 1878.

WM. H. SEIBERT,	} Committee.
WM. D. GROSS,	

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Home and Foreign Missions submitted their report, which was received, amended, and, together with the preceding reports, adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions beg leave to offer their report. They had referred to them, for examination and consideration, the following papers:

• *Home Missions.*

1. Report of the Board of Home Missions. From this they learn that the Board met in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October, 1875, duly organized and proceeded to inaugurate and carry forward the work committed to it. As the general work of Home Missions was conducted by the several Synods, its sphere has been limited to those missions not under the control of the Synods, and the Iowa Mission was the only one thus operated. In reference to this report we propose the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Synod that all the Home Missions of the Church should be brought under the direct control of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions as speedily as possible.

Resolved, That in the meantime the Boards of Missions of the District Synods be requested to report to the Board of the General Synod, at least one month before its triennial meeting, a statement of their labors and their financial condition, and that each Synod be requested to send a copy of its annual Minutes to the Board of the General Synod.

Resolved, That we recommend to all the District Synods and Classes the feasibility of at once organizing missionary societies in all the congregations throughout the Church.

2. *A communication* from Rev. Henry Hanhart, pressing his claim for missionary services rendered at La Crosse, Wisconsin, in 1866-67. In reference to this the General Synod's Board of Home Missions admits the validity of the claim due him, and recommends that it be paid out of the General Synod's treasury. It amounts to \$150. The committee proposes that the payment of this sum be submitted to the decision of this Synod, whether it shall be from its treasury, or from that of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

Resolved, That this claim be paid out of the General Synod's treasury.

3. *Indian Missions.* An overture from the Sheboygan Classis, relative to missionary work among the Indians located in Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin, earnestly requesting the General Synod to inaugurate the work through its Boards. We propose this action:

Resolved, That this whole matter be referred to the earnest consideration of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Foreign Missions.

1. From the report of the Board of Foreign Missions we learn that they have made strenuous efforts to carry out the instructions of the last General Synod, viz: to establish a mission or missions of our own in some foreign field. But up to the present they have not succeeded, although several of our ministers are earnestly considering the matter of presenting their names as candidates. The Board, however, reports the whole subject of Foreign Missions back to the General Synod, and suggests two courses which may be pursued:

First. To continue the effort to establish a mission under the direct and sole care of our Church.

Second. To take measures to unite our foreign missionary work with that of the Reformed Church in America, with a view to reach in the course of time, if considered desirable, an independent mission of our own. The Board, as the result of their experience, hereby recommends the latter course.

Resolved, That we refer the whole subject to the incoming Board. From the Treasurer's report it appears that we now have a fund of \$5,296.39.

2. An item from the Classis of Erie in reference to Rev. J. J. Weiss and the German Evangelical Missionary Society in the United States. In regard to this we propose the following:

WHEREAS, No papers have come into our hands bearing upon this matter, and whereas this brother was not under our control while in India; therefore,

Resolved, That this whole matter be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

In immediate connection with the adoption of the report of the Committee on Missions, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Synod that the Board of Missions of the General Synod shall have the general oversight

of the missionary work of the Church, and that they shall hold meetings from time to time, and carry on the work through the Boards of the District Synods.

Resolved, That, in view of the Commission provided for by the action of this Synod, it is the sense of the Synod that the missionary work of the Church should be carried forward hereafter, as far as possible, through the regular Missionary Boards of the Church.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, through its Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, apportioned the balance due said Treasurer, and sent such apportionment in 1874 to the different District Synods for the payment of the debt ; therefore,

Resolved, That the attention of the several District Synods be directed to this matter, and they are requested to notify all Classes, that are delinquent, to pay over to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund as soon as possible.

III. ELECTIONS OF BOARDS OF MISSIONS.

1. *Board of Home Missions.*

Rev. Jacob O. Miller, D. D.	Rev. John Kuelling, D. D.
“ George B. Russell, D. D.	“ Cyrus R. Dieffenbacher.
“ George H. Johnston.	Elder Charles Santee.
“ Wm. H. H. Snyder.	“ William D. Gross.
“ John A. Peters.	“ Daniel W. Gross.
“ John M. Titzel.	“ Christian M. Boush.

2. *Board of Foreign Missions.*

Rev. Thomas S. Johnston, D. D.	Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.
“ Benjamin Bausman, D. D.	“ David Van Horne, D. D.
“ Nicholas Gehr, D. D.	Elder Goldsboro S. Griffith.
“ J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D.	“ Rudolph F. Kelker.
“ Joseph W. Santee, D. D.	“ William H. Seibert.
“ Charles H. Leinbach, D. D.	“ George Gelbach.

IV. REQUEST OF MISS SARAH BRINKER.

During the morning session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, Rev. Geo. Williard, D. D., called the attention of the

General Synod to the fact that Miss Sarah Brinker, of New Lisbon, Ohio, had bequeathed the sum of \$4,000 to the Board of Home Missions, and \$3,000 to the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Synod; and that it would be well for this Synod to see that its interest is secured, as it is altogether probable that the Will will be contested. Thereupon it was

Resolved, That Revs. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., and Geo. M. Albright be appointed to attend to the interest of this Synod in the aforesaid case.

ARTICLE XIV.

BENEVOLENT AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

I. ORPHAN HOMES.

1. *Report of the Board of Directors.*

The Board of Directors of Orphan Homes submitted their report, which was received and adopted, and is as follows :

The Board was organized by the election of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., President, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman, Secretary.

The term of office of G. S. Griffith will expire with the meeting of this Synod, for which vacancy provision must be made by this body.

A resume of the operations of the several Orphanages in the District Synods is herewith submitted :

The Bethany Home.

This Orphan Home, located at Womelsdorf, Berks County, Pennsylvania, was founded fifteen years ago. From 1863 to 1866 it was located in Philadelphia. Since 1866 it has occupied its present site (at Womelsdorf). The Home owns a farm of eighty-six acres of land, of which seventy acres are in a good state of cultivation. Besides the large and commodious building occupied by the orphan family, there are a house, barn and an old mill on the farm. The whole property, including the stock and the improvements made, has cost about \$45,000. About \$6,000 remain unpaid. Of this amount the last payment on the property of \$4,000 will become due on October 1, 1878. And \$2,000 have been incurred by necessary improvements, and deficits in our current expenses.

During the twelve years the Home has been at Womelsdorf, but one orphan has died, and cases of serious illness have been very rare ; while at Philadelphia the family was rarely a week without sickness. The Home has a congregation of thirty-one members, of which the Superintendent, Rev. D. B. Albright, is pastor. During the past three years, since the spring of 1875, he has confirmed three classes of orphans, numbering in all thirty-three souls. Regular morning and evening services are held by the pastor, and on Sunday religious services and a Sunday-school session are held. Besides these, catechetical services are held all through the year.

The receipts of the Home have fallen off much, and at present do not cover the most necessary expenses. During the year 1875 our receipts were \$6,351.34, and our expenses \$6,896.21. In the year ending with July, 1877, the receipts were \$5,890.87, and the expenses \$6,033.00. During the ten months ending with the first of May last, the receipts amounted to a little less than \$1,200.

This falling off in the receipts may be owing to various causes : (1) The financial stringency of the times, and the universal scarcity of money ; (2) The impression in some parts of the Church that the Home is rich and self-supporting, having a farm to fall back on in time of need ; (3) The reductions of the number of soldiers' orphans in the Home, and the consequent diminution in the receipts from this source.

As to the first cause : The times are certainly hard, the Home feels them no less than its friends. We, as individuals and as a Church, however, ought not to begin curtailing our expenses by withdrawing support from the Lord's cause—least of all from the cause of the fatherless.

The Home owns a farm, which the larger orphan boys, with the help of the Superintendent and the farmer, have thus far farmed. They have sowed, and the Lord has given the increase. Still, a large portion of the net profits of the farm have hitherto been consumed by the interest on the remaining debt. And even if the debt were entirely paid, the farm would not half support the Home.

The larger contributions of several years ago did not all come from the Church. For a number of years we have had between forty and fifty soldiers' orphans. For each of these we received \$100 a year from the State. For a series of years at least one half of the whole amount received came from this source. As these State orphans have become of age they left the Home, until there are only seven

remaining, and five of these will become of age the coming year. At no time have the Church contributions amounted to more than \$4,000 a year; and some years we received less than \$3,000; so that the actual falling off in the receipts from the Church is not as large as the figures at first sight might seem to indicate.

A few years ago the Home had between eighty and ninety-five orphans. Scarcely more than half of these were Church orphans. Now we have fifty-four, of which forty-four are Church orphans. So that in the actual support of the children of the Church the Home does almost as much as in previous periods of its history, despite the hard times. The Board has all along felt that the sooner the Home could be exclusively used for the children of the Church the better. That time is now at hand. If its benign usefulness is to increase, its receipts from the members and congregations of the Church must be increased. We have cut down salaries and curtailed expenses to the utmost possible limit. And still the present income falls sadly short in meeting our wants.

Within the last three years the Home has received a number of bequests, from \$200 to \$1,000, and one of \$5,000. Several of these have been lost to us by the illegal wording of the Will, or the late date on which it was written. These bequests, which some of God's people left as a blessed monument to their memory, have helped us to meet the payments on our property. The Board bought this property as an act of faith, without having \$100 toward its payment. The Father of the fatherless raised up friends among the living and the dying to pay for it. Thus far its history has revealed a series of marvelous providences. "Hitherto, the Lord hath helped us," and we prayerfully trust him for the future.

God is the special keeper of the fatherless. A curse rests on him who wrongs them; a blessing on him who helps them. So the Bible teaches. And it is true no less of a Church than of an individual. The denomination which tenderly cares for its homeless and orphaned little ones will come into blessed fellowship with the compassionate father-heart of God, and have its life quickened and warmed from this paternal source. Our orphans and their cause are his representatives. Whatsoever we do to them, we do to him.

BENJ. BAUSMAN, *President Board of Managers.*

The St. Paul's Home.

The St. Paul's Orphan Home was founded ten years ago. It is located at Butler, Butler County, Pennsylvania. It was founded in

faith, and has been successfully carried forward under the blessing of God until the present time. The Home owns thirty acres of land, the greater part of which is under good cultivation, and has yielded its increase annually for the benefit of the needy.

The Home is at present out of debt; but as repairs on the building must shortly be made, the Board will have to involve the institution in considerable debt. The average number of orphans per annum, who have been clothed, fed and instructed since the Home was founded, has been forty-five. The average current expenses per annum have been about \$5,000. There is no congregation in the Home, but services are held every morning and evening in the Home, and regularly each Lord's Day. The children are also regularly instructed in the Catechism. A Sunday-school, weekly prayer-meeting, and Bible class are regularly maintained.

As a considerable part of the income of the Home has been derived from the State for the support of soldiers' orphans, and as the time will soon come when this source of revenue will be closed, it becomes a question for serious consideration, whether it would not be better to consolidate the Home at Butler and the Home at Womelsdorf, and thus have but one Home which might receive the care and support of the whole Church. If this suggestion should meet the approval of the Church, it is also suggested whether it would not be well to unite with our Orphan Home a Home for indigent widows of deceased ministers, and for disabled and superannuated ministers who have not means to support themselves.

THOMAS J. BARKLEY,
President Board St. Paul's Orphan Home.

The Orphan cause has received from the Church a hearty support. This department of active Christian charity gives direction to the practical life of the people, which can not but result in good to themselves as well as the Lord's poor, who are always with us to receive service in his name. This interest needs only to be presented to the attention of the people to call out their most active love and sympathy. The local Boards have done a noble work in cherishing and successfully managing the several Homes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL,
President of Board of Directors.

II REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHAN HOMES.

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted :

The Standing Committee on Orphan Homes beg leave respectfully to report that they have carefully examined the documents placed in their hands and find much of an encouraging, whilst there are some things of a discouraging character. The Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes have each a farm attached, the one eighty-six and the other thirty acres, with all the necessary buildings. The Bethany Home has an indebtedness of \$6,000, of which \$4,000 will be due October 1, 1878; and the President of the St. Paul's Home reports that necessary repairs will soon require the contraction of a considerable debt. The income from the State, arising from the education of soldiers' orphans, has gradually diminished and will soon necessarily cease altogether. Meanwhile, from various causes, the income from the Church has somewhat diminished, so that from the receipts thus realized, without an increase in liberality, neither of the Homes will be able to meet the necessary outlay, be the economy exercised ever so great. The poor, and especially helpless orphans, have always been regarded as the treasures of the Church, and never can be abandoned without great detriment. And, in order to prevent such a disaster, the official report of the St. Paul's Orphan Homes suggests a consolidation of the Orphan Homes, and the establishment, in connection with such Home, of a Home for the widows of deceased ministers, and for disabled and superannuated ministers who have no means to support themselves. Your Committee regard the cause of the orphan and the widow as well calculated to elicit the charitable contributions of the whole Church and thus prove a priceless blessing to us, in enlargement of heart, while at the same time in it we have a guarantee of our heavenly Father's blessing as promised in connection with the account of the final judgment. While your Committee appreciate the difficulties arising from the decrease of the contributions given in support of the Orphan Homes, they are unwilling to recommend a consolidation of the Homes, which would be a retrograde action on the part of the Church; therefore.

Resolved, That the claims of the Orphan Homes be urgently presented by the ministers and elders of *all* our congregations to the

members of the Church, and such measures adopted as may be best calculated to secure the amount of contributions required for their support and develop most fully the spirit of charity.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Western Synods to take into consideration the importance of establishing an Orphan Home in some central portion of their territory; and that when the founding of such Home shall have been definitely determined on, this action shall be regarded as our commendation of said Home to the charitable support of our entire Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. McCAULEY, *Chairman*.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ORPHAN HOMES.

Elder William F. Hoffman was elected (1878).

The members of the Board holding over are: Rev. George B. Russell, D. D., and Elder William D. Gross (1875). Rev. Jacob Dahlman and Elder William E. Schmertz (1872).

ARTICLE XV.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

GERMAN SUNDAY SCHOOL HYMN BOOK.

The Committee on Overtures, during the afternoon session of the seventh day (Tuesday) of the sessions, reported in item 9 that a communication was received from the German Publishing House at Cleveland, Ohio, together with a copy of the German Sunday-school Hymn Book. The subject-matter of this item was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., John A. Peters, Joseph H. Apple; Elders Geo. Hill and William Kefauver. This Committee, during the evening session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom the German Sunday-school Hymn Book, published by the two German Synods of the Reformed Church at the German Publishing House, at Cleveland, Ohio, was referred, would respectfully report that we find the book admirably adapted

to the wants of our German Sunday-schools, well arranged, and sound in doctrine.

We therefore recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this Synod approve of the book, and recommend its general introduction into our German Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, during the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, reported in item 5, that Rev. Joshua H. Derr appealed from the decision of the Ohio Synod in 1876, in the case of Rev. William B. Sandoe; and that the Ohio Synod appointed the delegates of Tiffin Classis to this General Synod to defend its action. This appeal, together with all the papers relating thereto, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. John A. Peters, Joseph W. Santee, D. D., Joel W. Alspach, and Elders Jacob Langendoerfer and Richard W. Eastlack, to examine whether the appeal was in order, and, if found in order, to report the manner in which it is to be considered by Synod. This Committee, during the morning session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Special Committee, on the appeal to this General Synod of Rev. Joshua H. Derr from the decision of the Synod of Ohio on a complaint preferred by him against a certain action of Tiffin Classis, would beg leave to submit the following report:

Having examined the papers pertaining to the case, we find that the appeal is in order, and would therefore recommend that the case be presented to the consideration of this Synod in the following order of procedure:

1. The papers in the case to be read.

(a) The action of the Ohio Synod. Pages 70 and 71.

(b) The paper sent by Rev. Joshua H. Derr to the President of the Synod of Ohio, stating his reasons for appeal.

2. The appellant be allowed twenty minutes to open the case.

3. The Synod, through its counsel, be allowed thirty minutes to reply.

4. The appellant to have ten minutes to close.

5. The Synod shall then vote upon the case without discussion.

We further recommend that the case be made the order of the day for Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. PETERS, *Chairman*.

At the time appointed in the report, the appeal was taken up. The records and papers in the case were read. The counsel for the Ohio Synod appeared, but no counsel appeared on the part of the appellant. Thereupon the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The appellant has failed to appear, nor sent in his evidence in the case; therefore,

Resolved, That in accordance with the Constitution the appeal be dismissed.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod in the United States, during the afternoon session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, reported, in item 2, that Rev. David E. Klopp, D. D., made complaint to the General Synod against the action of the Synod in the United States in making requests directly of the ministers and not through the Classes; and, in item 3, that Revs. David E. Klopp, D. D., and John H. Sechler-complained to the General Synod against the action of the same Synod, in adopting the report of its Committee on Finance. These complaints, together with all the records and papers pertaining thereto, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Sebastian C. Goss, David B. Lady, M. G. I. Stern, and Elders Jacob Heyser and Peter Brown, to examine whether they were in order; and, if found in order, to report the manner in which they are to be taken up. This Committee, during the evening session of the sixth day (Monday) of the sessions, presented their report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the complaints of Rev. David E. Klopp, D. D., and others, against the action of the Synod in the United States, begs leave to submit the following:

We have examined the documents in the case and find the complaints in order.

Complaint marked "A" relates to the action of Synod in sustaining the decision of the President in the matter of referring certain subjects *directly* to the ministry, instead of *through the Classes*. See Minutes of Synod of United States, 1877, page 28.

"B" is a complaint against Synod's action in adopting the report of the Committee on Finance. See same Minutes, page 47. The Committee recommends the following:

1. That the hearing of the complaint be made the order of the day for Tuesday morning at the opening of the session.

2. That the complaints be taken up in the order above given.

3. That in the first appeal the complainant be allowed ten minutes to state his case. After this twenty minutes shall be given to Synod's counsel, after which complainant shall have ten minutes to close the argument; the vote to be taken immediately thereafter without further discussion.

In the *second* complaint complainant shall have ten minutes to state the case, to be followed by the defense in twenty minutes, complainant closing in ten minutes. Thereupon general discussion may follow, provided no member speak longer than five minutes, nor more than once.

Respectfully submitted,

SEBASTIAN C. GOSS, *Chairman*.

The complaints, whose appointed time for consideration had been deferred, were taken up during the evening session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions. But, before proceeding in the prescribed order, the complainants gave notice that the complaints were withdrawn.

ARTICLE XVIII.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

THE OFFICE OF DEACON.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod on the subject of the office of Deacon, and referred to in item 13 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee appointed by the General Synod at Fort Wayne, in 1875, to draw up a deliverance on the subject of the office of Deacon (see Minutes, 1875 p. 62), beg leave respectfully to report:

The true meaning of the Diaconate will be best seen by an examination of its rise, historically, in the Christian Church. After the death and ascension of our Lord, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, the first disciples were gladdened by the fulfillment of the promised coming of the Holy Spirit. Many thousands were soon added to the body of believers, and these from now on were termed "the Church." (Acts ii. 47; v. 11.) These soon became fully organized as a spiritual community, to whom the further promise appertained, that the Church should grow, spread, and continue until the end of the world, and until it should embrace within it every nation, and tribe, and tongue. In this organized community the twelve apostles, as commissioned by Christ, were at first the sole spiritual leaders; being both the messengers of God, the representatives of Christ, and the overseers and servants of the believers. That is to say, they combined in themselves the offices of apostles, ministers (in the modern sense of the term), elders, and deacons. It further appears from the narrative (Acts, chapters iv. v. and vi.), that among the first gatherings into the Church there were many of the poor and lowly, so far as this world is concerned, and that at once *the new life of the community*, in its first warmth and fire, manifested itself by the formation of a common fund with which to minister to the necessities of the whole body. This was entirely in accord with the spirit and nature of Christianity as a new living principle. "A new commandment" (said the Lord, John xiii. 34, 35) "I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." If a new spirit and life must needs pervade this chosen community (Heidelberg Catechism, 54), it would naturally soon organize its activity, and especially in two directions: (1) In the way of works of love toward those within and without the fold, and, (2) in the way of overseeing, superintending and disciplining the members, and preserving them from errors and offenses. The first we may designate as the office of *the Diaconate*, and it was also the first that was developed and organized as a *congregational office*. The second can be designated as the *Eldership* (or Presbyterate, or Episcopate), and was, so far as we have any definite notices, somewhat later in its rise. As early as the Synod of Jerusalem (Acts xv.)

we find mention of elders and brethren, who sat in that council, took part in its deliberations on doctrines and duties, and subscribed to the decrees sent out by the Synod.

The Diaconate, then, may be defined as the *ministry of love*; or that form or part of the general ministry of Christ, through which the Church organizes and exercises her works of practical Christian service, *ad intra* and *ad extra*. Historically, the first need of this office, in the peculiar condition of the Church at Jerusalem, arose from the large number of poor who were dependent upon the common fund. To attend to their wants, the apostles, under the manifest guidance of the Spirit, said to the Church (Acts vi. 2-4), "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Hence the apostles, without ceasing henceforth to execute the duties of the Diaconate, in its wider sense, now set apart by the solemn rite of ordination a separate class of officers in the congregation, to whom this ministry of love was to be in an especial manner committed. The term deacon comes from the Greek *διακονος* (servant or minister), and was at first the common designation of all the officers of the Church. (1 Corinthians iii. 5; 2 Corinthians vi. 4) Our Lord himself was, in one view, a deacon—the true Deacon, in the highest and most absolute sense of the term (Matthew xx. 28), "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (*διακονῆσαι*), and to give his life a ransom for many." All deacons in the Church can look up to him as their forerunner and exemplar in the works of Christian serving. If we expect a reign with him, let us also not shun the way of labor, toil, and suffering, which the duties of this office necessarily involve, if we perform them with earnestness and zeal.

This office, as belonging to Christ's kingdom now at hand, is essentially a *spiritual office*, and not a merely secular one. The persons to fill the office were expressly designated as such "as were full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." (Acts vi. 3.) They were set apart as the organs of a special work of the Church in the sphere of the Christian life, by the same rite of ordination with which all ministers are placed in their special offices. Much more stress is laid upon the spiritual side of their qualifications than upon their secu-

lar. (Acts vi. 1-6; 1 Timothy iii. 8-13). And their administration, although stretching itself over, and embracing secular and temporal, as well as spiritual matters, is always to be carried forward in the spirit of the new life that must pervade the Church of God. They are to be the organs of the spiritual life at hand in the Christian congregation.

1. As respects the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor.

2. As respects the needs of the young, specially the baptized children of the Church. This now would include the whole system of ways and means in the Sunday-school work.

3. As respects the support of the ministry, the maintenance of the stated means of grace, the erection and keeping in good order of the property of the Church.

4. As respects the general administration of the alms and gifts of the Church, in the work of missions, education, church erection, etc. They should organize and direct the activity of the Church in all these departments of benevolence.

5. As respects (in connection with the elders) the inviting, urging and pressing of men to come into the Church (*i. e.*, they are to be the servants sent out into the highways and hedges to press all to come to the gospel feast—Luke xiv. 16-23); and the inducing them to make use of the means of grace.

6. And, in connection with the elders and minister, they form the Consistory of the Church, whose duties are clearly defined in the Constitution, Article 40.

Your Committee is persuaded that in holding fast to the scriptural office of deacon, no less than to that of elder, as *congregational offices*, our branch of the Church has possession of a power that admits yet of a great development in the future, for the glory of God and the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. These offices are to a considerable extent with us only a slumbering power that stands greatly in need of quickening and development, especially in this age of the Church. So far as the Diaconate is concerned, we would suggest the following as aims to be earnestly reached after:

1. In the election of deacons greater stress should be laid upon their spiritual qualifications, especially their spirit of self sacrifice for the cause of Christ.

2. It would be well if the number of deacons in each congregation were at least four (in large congregations the number might be greater); and the Consistory should have quarterly or semi-annual

meetings, at which the following subjects, relating to the duties of the Diaconate, should be regularly discussed and acted upon :

(a) What is the congregation doing for the spiritual and temporal needs of the poor; the visitation of the sick and the neglected; both those in our communion, and those without, unprovided for?

(b) What are we doing for the spiritually destitute classes (by the work of Inner Missions), to bring the gospel and the means of grace to those in the highways and hedges of the world?

(c) What are we doing to provide a proper support for the minister of the congregation; to provide him a proper home; and to aid and support him in his work?

(d) What are we doing for the young, in the way of gathering them into Sunday-schools, into the catechetical classes, and into the Church?

(e) What are we doing for the general operations of the Church at large; for the cause of Home and Foreign Missions; Ministerial Education; Church Erection; Publications; Orphan Homes; Pure Literature; Mutual Aid; and all associations and efforts to benefit men and to spread the gospel?

(f) What are we doing toward promoting peace, harmony, and Christian love in our communion, and manifesting the new Christian life in its true activity and power?

Respectfully submitted,

JER. H. GOOD,	} <i>Committee.</i>
GEO. B. RUSSELL,	
THOMAS J. CRAIG,	

In this connection the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 7,000 copies of the foregoing report printed, in tract form, in the English and 5,000 in the German language, for general distribution.

Resolved, That the attention of the several Classes is hereby directed to the report on the office of Deacon, and they are instructed to request the pastors to preach on the subject of the *Diaconate* in connection with the distribution of the tract.

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Special Committee to prepare a definition of the office of *Deaconess*, and determine its place in the work of the Christian Church of our day, and that they report at the next meeting of the General Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. Benjamin Bausman, D. D.,

George W. Welker, D. D., John B. Kniest; Elders Hiram C. Hoover and William H. Seibert.

THE SUBJECT OF DIVORCE.

The Committee continued by the last General Synod on the subject of Divorce, and referred to in item 14 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

Having, after several efforts, failed in securing a meeting of the Committee, I, as Chairman of the same, have not ventured to draft a deliverance upon the subject of Divorce, in accordance with the resolutions adopted by the session of the General Synod at Fort Wayne.

I respectfully ask, therefore, to be excused; and that, if the Synod still deem such a deliverance required, the present Committee may be discharged and a new Committee be appointed.

Respectfully submitted,

ELNATHAN E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

THE ENGLISH HYMN BOOK.

The Committee continued by the last General Synod, on the preparation of an English Hymn Book for the Reformed Church, to which reference is made in item 10 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, during the afternoon session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend General Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S.:

Knowing that the Synod of the United States and the Synod of the Potomac had completed the work of preparing a Hymn Book, in accordance with the permission granted by General Synod, and having ascertained that the Synod of Ohio was engaged also in preparing a Hymnal for use within its bounds, your Committee respectfully report that, in their judgment, it is not an opportune time to attempt securing a Hymn Book for general use throughout the whole Church; and that it is better, for the present at least, to allow a

measure of freedom in this regard within the District Synods, until such time may arrive as will be more favorable for securing the formation and successful introduction of one Hymn Book, for use throughout the English speaking portion of the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

ELNATHAN E. HIGBEE, *Chairman.*

THE GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

The Committee appointed by the last General Synod to engage in the preparation of a German Hymn Book for the Reformed Church, noticed in item 11 of the report of the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, during the afternoon session of the fourth day (Saturday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The work of preparing a new Hymn Book was intrusted to the undersigned Committee, under this preamble, "*Whereas*, The Hymn Book, bearing the title of 'German Hymn Book,' edited by Rev. Philip Schaff, D. D., and much used in our German congregations, is not the property of any of our Publication Boards," or Synods, etc. (See Minutes General Synod, 1875, page 59.) But as, during the time intervening since the last meeting of the General Synod, the copyright of the principal edition of Dr. Schaff's Hymn Book has been purchased by the General Synod of the East, and as the reasons for the preparation of a new Hymn Book have thus been removed, your Committee would report:

That they regard the work intrusted to them by their appointment as not necessary under the present circumstances, and therefore respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. KNIEST, *Chairman.*

APPENDIX TO GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

The German Synod of the East, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, in item 7, during the afternoon session on Monday, requested the General Synod to approve of the existing appendix of forty hymns made to Dr. Schaff's German Hymn Book.

The subject-matter of the item was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Nicholas Gehr, D D., John A. Peters, Joseph H. Apple; Elders George Hill and William Kefauver. This Committee, during the evening session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the German Hymn Book beg leave to offer the following report, viz:

Resolved, That the appendix to the German Hymn Book, or special collection of forty additional selected hymns, added to the previous number, be hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR, *Chairman.*

THE FORM OF STATISTICS TO BE USED.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, during the morning session on Saturday, reported in item 8, that the Stated Clerk and the Assistant Clerk of the General Synod were instructed to prepare a complete statistical form on which to report the statistics of a Classis, with the headings and columns required by the Constitution. The Clerks submitted the following report, together with the form prepared, and it was received and adopted:

Preparation of Statistical Forms.

We, the undersigned, Stated Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the General Synod, would hereby respectfully report that, in accordance with the instruction of the last General Synod, we prepared during August, 1875, a complete statistical form on which to report the statistics for a Classis, with the requisite headings and columns, together with a form on which to report the statistics of the Classes to their respective District Synods; and that soon after furnished a copy of these forms in both the English and the German languages to our publication offices at Philadelphia, Cincinnati, and Cleveland.

To what extent these forms were published by the several offices, and how far they have been introduced and used by the different Classes, we can not definitely indicate. It however appears that most of the Classes are beginning to use them in reporting the statistics of the congregations to the respective Classes. And, with the

view of securing complete uniformity in our statistics throughout the Reformed Church, all the Classes should be urged to use them, as required by the action of the last General Synod. To aid in securing this desirable end, it is essential that our several publication offices keep a constant supply of them on hand, and that the Stated Clerks of the several Classes regularly furnish copies thereof to all the pastors in their respective Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

JACOB DAHLMAN, *Assistant Clerk.*

CLASSIS OF _____

Statistical Report of the..... Charge,..... Pastor,

For the year ending.....18

Give the correct names and statistics of the congregation, legibly written, and carefully add up every column of figures. Omit cents or fractions of dollars in the two columns of contributions.

Names of Congregations.	No. of Congregations.		Members Unconfirmed.		Bap- tisms.	Addi- tions.	Confirmed. Certificate or Renewal of prof.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-schools.	Sunday-school Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contri- butious.	Minutes of Synod.		P. O. Address.
	Members.		Infants.	Adults.													Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	

STATISTICS TO BE EMBODIED IN GENERAL SYNOD'S MINUTES.

The Ohio Synod, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, in item 6, during the morning session of Monday, requested the General Synod to incorporate in its Minutes the various statistical tables of the several District Synods.

The German Synod of the East made a similar request, as reported by the Committee on its Minutes, in item 9, during the afternoon session on Monday.

The Allegheny Classis, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod, in item 5, during the morning session on Monday, requested said Synod to overture the General Synod to add a column to the statistical table in which to report erasures from the church-registers, as prescribed in Article 115 of the Constitution.

The Iowa Classis, as reported during Monday afternoon session by the Committee on the Official Reports of Classes, in item 8, requested the General Synod to add a column to the statistical table in which to report the salaries of pastors.

These several requests were referred to a Committee, consisting of Revs. Wm. M. Deatrick, Austin Henry, John C. Young; Elders Thomas J. Craig and Thomas W. Chapman. This Committee, during the morning session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Special Committee to which was referred the resolution of the Ohio Synod requesting the General Synod hereafter to incorporate in its published Minutes the various statistical tables of the respective District Synods, in order that the Church may have one complete statistical list, begs leave to offer the following report. Three additional items were referred to your Committee, as follows, viz :

(a) A request of similar import from the German Synod of the East, asking that the statistical tables of the various Classes be incorporated in the published Minutes of the General Synod.

(b) A request from the Iowa Classis for the General Synod to order the opening of a column in the statistical tables for *Pastor's Salary*.

(c) And a request of the Allegheny Classis overtureing the General Synod to add a column to the statistical tables for *Erasures* from the church-registers, as prescribed in Article 115 of the Constitution.

Your Committee, having carefully considered these several requests, submits the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That the requests of the Ohio Synod and the German Synod of the East be granted, and that the classical statistical tables of the District Synods, agreeably to the priority of the Synods, be hereafter incorporated in the published Minutes of the General Synod.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the General Synod, at Fort Wayne, ordered the opening of a column in the statistical tables for *Local Contributions*, including pastor's salary, it be deemed inexpedient to order the opening of a column specially for Pastor's Salary.

Resolved, That the request of the Allegheny Classis be granted, and that the opening of a column for Erasures, as proposed in the Form of Statistics prepared by the Clerks of General Synod, and as already practiced by a majority of the different Classes, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Reformed Church, referred to in item 9 in the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, submitted their report during the morning session of the fourth day of the sessions. The report was received, and the Committee was instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of the report printed in the English and the German language, for the use of the Synod; and the consideration of the report was made the order of the day for Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock. At the appointed time the report was considered, and as amended adopted:

The Committee appointed by the Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to revise the Constitution of the Church, respectfully report as follows:

They have given the subject committed to them their attention. In the present circumstances of the Church they do not deem it advisable to make a thorough revision of the Constitution, so as to introduce any radical changes, such as the continued growth of the Church will require in the progress of time, except in one particular. While they deem it important that the subject should by no means be lost sight of in the future, they regard it necessary that a few slight changes be made in the wording of certain articles of the Constitution, so as to bring out the meaning more clearly, and, in a few cases, facilitate the transaction of business. They, therefore, submit the following resolution for adoption, as embodying the changes and additions they regard desirable to have made at the present time:

Resolved, That the following amendments to the Constitution be sent down to the several Classes for their adoption or rejection, and that in approving or rejecting them they be allowed to vote on each distinct proposition separately.

1. In Article 30, eighth line, after the word "appeal," insert the sentence, "If the appellant be a Consistory or Classis, thirty days shall be given "

2. In Article 51, seventeenth line, after the word "appeal," insert the words, "or complaint."

3. In Article 61, eighth line, after the words "determine appeals," insert the words, "and complaints."

4. In Article 67, fourth line, after the words "by reference," insert the words, "by complaint."

5. In Article 80, twelfth and thirteenth lines, strike out the words, "from the official reports of delegates," and add the following clause to the article: "And each District Synod shall, at the annual meeting succeeding, make a distinct record of the vote of each Classis which has taken action on the proposed amendments, and also note what Classes have failed to take action, or were unable to arrive at any definite conclusion in regard to the matter."

6. Erase, in the first and second lines of Article 81, the words, "official report of delegates," and substitute the word "Minutes" in their place.

7. Insert in Article 100, fourth line, after the words, "on the parties concerned," the words, "the first time."

The Committee would also submit to this General Synod the following articles, to form PART FIFTH of the Constitution, creating a

Court of Appeal.

Art 145. Each District Synod shall elect, as judges, one minister and one elder to serve for six years, and one minister and one elder to serve for twelve years; and every six years after the first election one minister and one elder shall be elected by each District Synod, to serve for twelve years. Vacancies are to be filled by the District Synod for an unexpired term.

Art. 146. The judges elected shall form the Court of Appeal for the Reformed Church in the United States, for the hearing of appeals from decisions of District Synods and of complaints, wherein the General Synod, under the Constitution and usages of the Reformed Church has jurisdiction, which jurisdiction is hereby transferred to the Court of Appeal.

Art. 147. The Court of Appeal shall hold regular yearly sessions, at such time and place as determined by the judges. The time and place of each session shall be announced in at least two papers of the

Church three times, two months previous. Seven judges, from four different District Synods, four being ministers and three elders, shall be a quorum to form a Court; one of them shall preside, one shall make up the record of the Court, and one shall reduce the testimony to writing. The Court shall, before rising, appoint time and place for the next Court, and the last presiding judge shall see it properly announced. If there is no business for the Court for a yearly session, one judge shall, at the time and place appointed for the session, appoint the time and place for the next yearly session, and announce the same as herein provided. The yearly sessions of the Court should be attended by as many judges as possible; and it shall be the duty of each judge to see and ascertain that no yearly session is without a quorum, if there is business for the Court.

Art. 148. The Stated Clerks of District Synods shall have the record and papers in all cases of appeal before the Court of Appeal, at the opening of the session following the appeal, either by the original or certified copy thereof.

All complaints to General Synod shall be heard by the Court of Appeal, the plaintiff having filed a copy of his complaint with the last presiding judge, and delivered a copy of it to every person complained of, or to the presiding officer of the institution or judicatory complained of, thirty days before the opening of Court.

Art. 149. The decisions of the Court of Appeal shall be in writing, signed by a majority of the members present. It shall be filed with the Stated Clerk of General Synod, who shall publish it in at least two papers—organs of the Church—and it shall be final unless an appeal is filed with the Stated Clerk of General Synod, thirty days after the first publication thereof, clearly and fully setting forth the errors claimed, and also a copy of it delivered to the opposite party within the same time. Such appeal shall be heard before General Synod, at its next sessions, in manner following, viz: 1. Complaint and pleadings. 2. The evidence in the case reduced to writing and had before the Court of Appeal. 3. The decision of the Court of Appeal. 4. Appeal and errors assigned. 5. The argument of appellant, of which he must have delivered a copy to the appellee at least ten days previous. 6. The argument of appellee. Whereupon the Synod, after prayerful consideration, shall decide the matter without any debate whatever. The question to be decided shall in all cases be, "Shall the decision of the Court be sustained?" If answered in the affirmative, the matter is settled finally, and the

judgment of the Court stands; if in the negative, the case shall go back to the Court of Appeal for a rehearing and reconsideration, with such instructions as the General Synod may give.

Art. 150. Appeals from a Classis to a District Synod may, upon suggestion of either party, be heard by two or more judges, one a minister and the other an elder of the respective District Synod, if the party notifies all the judges of the District Synod, and the adverse party, or parties, of the time and place of the meeting of the Court, at least thirty days previous to the hearing. The party calling this Court shall cause the Stated Clerk of Classis, where the appeal was entered, to have the record of Classis and the papers in the case before said Court. The testimony given at such hearing shall be reduced to writing, and a regular record shall be made of the proceedings of the Court, which, with the decision of the Court, shall be filed with the Stated Clerk of District Synod. Appeals, and further proceedings thereon by District Synod, may be had in manner as provided for in Article 149 in the case of General Synod; subject, however, to appeal to the higher judicatory. Complaints to a District Synod may be referred to two or more of the judges of the District Synod for a hearing, who shall proceed thereon as herein provided, notifying the parties interested of time and place of hearing.

Art. 151. Appeals from the decisions of the Consistories, or complaints to a Classis, may by Classis, at any of its meetings, be referred to one or more of the judges of the District Synod to which the Classis belongs, Classis notifying the parties and the judges of the reference and of the time and place of hearing. The proceedings in such cases shall be in manner as indicated in the foregoing articles.

Art. 152. Testimony given in a lower judicatory, reduced to writing and properly authenticated, shall be good in appeals. No new testimony shall be admitted in appeals, except the opposite party has been notified of the subject matter of the new evidence, offered at least fifteen days previous. A judge personally interested in a case, or having relatives interested therein as parties, shall decline acting in the case. The judges shall in no case receive any compensation for their time and labor; but each judge shall receive from his District Synod reimbursement of actual expenditures had in attending to his official duties.

Art. 153. The Court of Appeal may adopt such rules to govern its proceedings in all its branches as are not contrary to the Constitution and established usages of the Church. These rules shall be

published in two papers of the Church, at least one month before each yearly session of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL R. FISHER, *Chairman.*

Succeeding the adoption of the foregoing report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution of the Church as relates to the establishment of a Court of Appeal be laid over to the next meeting of the General Synod for consideration, and in the meantime be published once each year in the several papers of the Church.

On motion, the Committee on the Constitution was continued, and consists of Revs. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Jeremiah H. Good, D. D., John H. Klein, D. D.; and Messrs. Christian M. Boush, Esq., Lewis H. Steiner, M. D., and William D. Gross.

On motion, also, the following action, relating to the amendment of the Constitution, was adopted:

Resolved, That the following amendment be sent down to the Classes for approval or rejection, to Article 30: "Should any of the lower judicatories pass an action of censure or reproof upon an individual, or any party in the Church, in their absence, the Clerk of said judicatory shall give those concerned immediate notice of such action; and should they feel aggrieved by it, they shall have ten days' time from receiving notice for entering complaint to the officers of said judicatory, and ten days further time for lodging their reasons therefor."

THE METHOD OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD.

The Mercersburg Classis, as reported during Monday afternoon session by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 7, overtured the General Synod to give a deliverance in regard to the method to be pursued by the Classes in electing the *primarii* and *secundi* delegates to the General Synod. This overture was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. William F. Colliflower, D. S. Dieffenbacher, John S. Skinner; Elders Peter Loose and David Eschbach. This Committee, during the morning session of the last

day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the request of the Mercersburg Classis in regard to the election of delegates to this Synod, and ask General Synod to give a deliverance on the method which should be pursued by the several Classes in electing the *primarii* and the *secundi* delegates, would respectfully offer the following report :

That the Committee have examined the Constitution on the subject, and find that it prescribes no rule for the election of two sets of delegates ; but the custom of the Classes has acted upon the principle of nominating a double number of candidates, and those who have received the highest number of votes shall be delegates *primarii*, and the next highest delegates *secundi* ; therefore,

Resolved, That this subject be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. COLLIFLOWER, *Chairman*.

THE FORM OF CREDENTIALS.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk and the Assistant Clerk be directed to prepare a blank certificate for delegates to the General Synod, which shall be in accordance with the constitutional requirements, and that said blanks be printed in English and German, and that the Stated Clerk furnish copies thereof to the Stated Clerks of the several Classes.

CREDENTIALS AND ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

The following resolutions, having been presented to the General Synod, were, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on the Constitution of the Church, namely :

Resolved, That each Classis be instructed to send, through its Stated Clerk, a certified list of delegates elected to represent said Classis in the sessions of the General Synod to the Stated Clerk of General Synod within thirty days preceding the meeting of said General Synod.

Resolved, That from the Classical reports of delegates thus sent, the Stated Clerk of General Synod be authorized to form the roll of Synod ; which roll shall be read after the delivery of the opening sermon, and shall be the roll of organization, and all defective credentials be referred to a Standing Committee to be created.

Resolved, That a Standing Committee on Credentials be raised by General Synod to whom shall be referred all credentials which are not in accordance with the deliverance of the General Synod in 1875, as recorded in the Minutes of said session, page 51.

REPRESENTATION IN DISTRICT SYNODS, ETC.

The Synod of the Potomac, as reported by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, in item 10, during the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, requested the General Synod to change the present law of representation in regard to District Synods, empowering each District Synod to fix its method of representation within itself, while a uniform method of representation shall be maintained in the General Synod.

The Iowa Classis, as reported during the afternoon session on Monday by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 9, requested the General Synod to provide for a certain amendment to the Constitution, as set forth in said item.

These requests were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Geo. W. Williard, D. D.; Elders Hiram C. Hoover and Wm. D. Gross. This Committee, during the evening session of the eighth day of the sessions, presented their report, which was received, and as amended adopted :

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the overture of the Synod of the Potomac, asking General Synod so to amend the Constitution that the basis of representation of the Classes in the District Synods may be determined by each Synod for itself, has carefully considered this proposition and respectfully offers the following resolutions for adoption :

Resolved, That the following article be substituted in the place of Article 50 in the Constitution, consecutive numbering :

Article 50. The basis and mode of representation of the Classes in the District Synods shall be determined by each Synod for itself,

with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Classes constituting said Synod. In this basis and mode each Classis shall be included, and the representation itself shall be composed of an equal number of ministers and elders. Each Classis shall provide for the payment of the traveling expenses of its delegates to Synod.

Resolved, That this amendment to the Constitution be sent 'down to the Classes for their approval.

To the same Committee was referred the request of Iowa Classis so to amend the Constitution that all ordinances, such as Hymn Books, Liturgies, etc., printed in the German language and intended for use solely among our German congregations, shall be submitted for approval to the German Classes alone, and *vice versa*; that all Hymn Books, Liturgies, etc., for the use of the English speaking portion of the Church shall require the sanction of a majority of the English Classes alone. As regards this proposition, your Committee recommends that, inasmuch as General Synod in Monday evening session, May 20, unanimously agreed to the appointment of a Commission by the District Synods, which Commission shall consider the questions of doctrine and worship now at issue in the Church, it is inexpedient at this juncture to suggest any action touching the merits of the Iowa request.

Respectfully submitted,

EMANUEL V. GERHART, *Chairman*.

CONDITION OF CALLING SPECIAL MEETINGS OF CLASSES.

The Allegheny Classis, as reported during Monday afternoon session by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 6, requested the General Synod to define the meaning of the Constitution in Article LVII., Section 2, Chapter 2. This request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Calvin S. Gerhard, Austin Henry, Samuel A. Leinbach; Elders Elias Brown and Daniel Cort. This Committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted the following report, which was received, and as amended adopted:

Your Committee appointed to report on the request of Allegheny Classis, requesting General Synod to decide whether Article LVII. Section 2, Chapter 2, of the Constitution, means that the President has a right to demand that the parties desiring a special meeting of

Classis shall guarantee the payment of expenses of members attending such special meeting, before he issues the call, offers the following resolution for adoption :

Resolved, That the President of a Classis is not required to call a special meeting of Classis unless the persons asking such meeting to be called give reasonable assurance that the necessary expenses of the meeting will be paid.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN S. GERHARD, *Chairman*.

BOUNDARY OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA AND ST. JOHN'S CLASSES.

The German West Pennsylvania Classis, as reported during the Monday morning session by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 3, requested the General Synod to define more clearly the boundaries between the German West Pennsylvania and St. John's Classes. This request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Peter Greding, D. D., John Heberle; Elders Henry Drover and Christian Vogt. This Committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on the boundary line between the German West Pennsylvania and the St. John's Classes, propose to the General Synod the following action :

Resolved, That we recommend to the German West Pennsylvania and St. John's Classes to continue the present arrangement.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR, *Chairman*.

DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN SYNODS OF NORTHWEST AND OF OHIO.

The Synod of the Northwest, as reported during the Monday morning session by the Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, in item 4, requested the General Synod to direct the Ohio Synod in future not to receive any congregations without a dismission from their respective Classes. This request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Marcus Bachman, Edmund R. Eschbach, Albert E. Truxal; Elders John Lorz and Jacob

Force. This Committee, during the evening session of the eighth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee, to which was referred the fourth item of the report on the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, begs leave to report :

That they have carefully examined the whole matter and find that it has not been brought before this General Synod in proper form. Furthermore, that the Synod of Ohio declared, at its annual meeting in the year 1874, that the Loran congregation belonged to the jurisdiction of the Milwaukee Classis of the Synod of the Northwest; and yet we find the said Loran congregation enrolled in the Minutes of the Ohio Synod, of 1876 and 1877, as belonging to the Northern Illinois Classis. Finally, it appears from the Minutes of the Synod of the Northwest, 1877, that the Milwaukee Classis has requested the said Synod of the Northwest to authorize it to strike the Loran congregation from its roll on account of the unlawful and unconstitutional action of the Northern Illinois Classis.

Your Committee, therefore, recommends :

That the attention of the Ohio Synod be directed to this condition of things.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCUS BACHMAN, *Chairman.*

TRAVELING EXPENSES OF DELEGATES.

The Minnesota Classis, as reported in item 3, by the Committee on Overtures, during the morning session on Saturday, requested the General Synod to pay a part of the traveling expenses of the delegates to this Synod.

The Iowa Classis, as reported by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 10, requested the General Synod to equalize the traveling expenses of delegates to General Synod, or pay one-third of the traveling expenses of the delegates coming from all the Classes west of the Mississippi River.

These requests were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs Geo. W. Williard, D. D., John F. Busche, Jesse Richards; Elders George W. Hensel and Christian Vogt. This Committee, at the opening of the afternoon session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received, and as amended adopted :

The Committee, to which was referred the several items relating to the equalization or payment in part of the traveling expenses of the delegates to the General Synod, would recommend, as a matter of equity and generosity, that this Synod pay the one-third of the necessary expenses of the delegates of the Kansas, Shelby, Iowa, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Ursinus, Sheboygan, Northern Illinois, and North Carolina Classes, and that the amount thus required be apportioned by the Committee on Finance among the several District Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. WILLIARD, *Chairman.*

CHURCH MEMBERS' RELATION TO SECRET SOCIETIES.

The German Synod of the East, as reported in item 6 by the Committee on the Minutes of said Synod, requested the General Synod to give a deliverance whether a congregation has the right to exclude members belonging to secret societies, or to refuse to receive such persons as members.

This request, during the afternoon session on Monday, was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Lewis Praikschat, Joseph A. Keller; Elders William D. Gross and Louis Markell. This Committee, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to report that any definite action on this subject would be far-reaching in its consequences, and a source of trouble in many congregations; and further, as it would involve a change or amendment of the Constitution, which now contains nothing upon this subject. The following action is recommended:

Resolved, That we deem it unadvisable at this time to take any action upon this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. BAUSMAN, *Chairman.*

THE PEACE COMMISSION.

During the evening session on Monday, May 20, as initiatory to a series of measures, having for their object the reconciliation and

adjustment of existing differences and difficulties in the Reformed Church, the following paper was submitted by Rev. Clement Z. Weiser, D. D., and, after being discussed, unanimously adopted :

Inasmuch as the Master did not neglect to portray, in advance, the evil that must of necessity adhere to and intermingle with his kingdom, to such a degree as that nothing less than a system absolutely safe in its own excellence could endure ; as Holy Writ does not hide or cloak the delinquencies of any one of its characters ; as the history of the primitive Church records the sins of its day ; as all faithful records of the internal state of the existing Churches of the land and the world, in every age, reveal contentions so sharp that partings asunder (Acts xvi. 39), and withstandings face to face (Galatians ii. 2) transpired, the Reformed Church in the United States may not ignore the differences within its bounds, but confesses and laments over them.

Furthermore : Warned, on the one hand, by the evils already harvested from the seeds of controversy sown, and the impending ecclesiastical suicide, if we bite and devour our inheritance (Galatians v. 15) ; admonished, on the other, by the more dexterous expedients of the wiser children of this world (Luke xvi. 8) ; guided by the harmonizing councils and diets, from the primitive Synod at Jerusalem, onward ; entreated by the gracious memory of a once harmonious Church ; drawn by the tender ties of a common ancestry and creed ; attracted by the grand results which must accrue by the more excellent way of charity, in a new inspiration of pastors and their flocks, in a revival of life and energy in its charitable, theological and literary institutions, in its missionary and publication boards, as well as the unification of the Church ; and, finally, left without election by the Spirit of our Lord's new commandment (John xiii. 34) ; *therefore*,

It is hereby ordered by the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, now in session in the city of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, that a Commission be created by the several District Synods, consisting of a representation from the six several District Synods, after the ratio of church-membership within their respective bounds, each representation to be partly ministerial and partly lay, which Commission, proportionally representing the true tendencies in the Church, shall consider and solemnly deliberate over all matters in controversy within the Church, with a view of devising a plan of amicable adjustment, to be reported to the next General Synod, on

some such basis of mutual agreement as shall commend itself as best to the mind of said Commission, guaranteeing unity in essential, liberty in doubtful, and charity in all things pertaining to the Church.

Thereupon, during the morning session on Tuesday, the appointment of a Committee on the aforesaid paper was secured by the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of Rev. Nicholas Gehr, D. D., Benjamin Bausman, D. D., George W. Williard, D. D., George W. Welker, D. D., M. G. I. Stern, Albert E. Truxal; and Elders John Hilbish, Hon. Hiram C. Hoover and Christian M. Boush, Esq., be appointed, to whom shall be referred the Commission Paper, with instructions to report to this Synod the most feasible method by which the several details contemplated in said paper are to be determined upon.

This Committee, during the evening session on Tuesday, submitted their report, which was received and unanimously adopted :

Your Committee, appointed to arrange the details for the creation of the Commission called for by the paper presented by Dr. Weiser, and adopted by this Synod, beg leave to report that they have given the matter the proper attention, and upon due consideration of the paper forming the basis for said Commission, and of all the circumstances connected with its presentation and adoption, suggest the following action :

1. That the basis of representation in this Commission be as follows, viz :

For District Synods having 10,000 communicant members, or less, two delegates, one minister and one elder.

For District Synods having between 10,000 and 40,000 communicant members, four delegates, two ministers and two elders.

For District Synods having over 40,000 communicant members, six delegates, three ministers and three elders.

2. That General Synod earnestly recommends to the District Synods that, in the appointment of their respective delegations to this Commission, they pay due regard to a minority tendency, where such may exist.

3. That the President of this General Synod be the temporary chairman of this Commission, for the purpose of convening and organizing the same on the last Wednesday of November, 1879, in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, at seven o'clock P. M., of said day.

4. That a majority of the Commission, representing at least four District Synods, shall be a quorum to transact business.

Respectfully submitted,

NICHOLAS GEHR,
 BENJAMIN BAUSMAN,
 GEORGE W. WILLIARD,
 GEORGE W. WELKER,
 M. G. ISIDORE STERN,
 ALBERT E. TRUXAL,
 JOHN HILBISH,
 HIRAM C. HOOVER,
 CHRISTIAN M. BOUSH,
Committee.

Immediately after the adoption of this report, the Synod, amid manifest solemnity, united in special prayer, in which it was led in the German language by Rev. John Kuelling, D. D., and in the English by Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D.; and, after singing a doxology and uniting in the Lord's Prayer, adjourned.

On motion, the following action, having a bearing on the preceding measures, was adopted :

WHEREAS, Under the guidance of the great Head of the Church, this General Synod, with cordial unanimity, has inaugurated measures designed to restore harmony and peace within its bounds ; therefore,

Resolved, That the ministers and members represented in this Synod be admonished to use their official and personal influence for the cultivation of mutual confidence and peace.

Resolved, That the editors of our Church periodicals be requested, as far as possible, to infuse a spirit of conciliation and concord into their publications.

Resolved, That the professors of our classical, collegiate and theological institutions are requested to cultivate such a spirit of charitableness and peace in the minds of their students as are contemplated in the aforesaid conciliatory measures adopted by this Synod.

Resolved, That this General Synod most earnestly requests the members of all the ecclesiastical bodies under its supervision, in the deliberations and decisions of their regular and special meetings, to

have a due and charitable regard for each other's conscientious convictions, and, as far as possible, to conduct their business so as to cultivate and advance the cause of peace and good-will among the congregations and people of our Reformed Zion.

Also the following paper, with reference to the importance of *prayer* in view of the "Peace Measures" adopted by this General Synod, was submitted and adopted :

WHEREAS, The Constitution of our Church, in Article 139, recognizes the holding of "prayer-meetings during the week as important religious observances;" and,

WHEREAS, This General Synod, in a sense, constitutes the heart of our Reformed Church, we deem it at this point eminently befitting for this body, in view of the specially solemn and weighty measures adopted by this Synod, which must deeply affect the welfare of our Zion; therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod hold a Synodical prayer-meeting before final adjournment to unitedly seek the divine blessing, and to emphasize, by such Synodical and personal example, this feature of our Church-life to our churches.

Resolved, That our District Synods be advised to direct attention to this subject, to the end that special prayer be offered to God in behalf of the Commission to be appointed, and its great work; in the regular service, and in weekly prayer-meetings, at the time when that Commission shall meet for deliberation.

LITURGIES AND HYMNS REFERRED TO THE COMMISSION.

The German Synod of the East, as reported during the Monday afternoon session by the Committee on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, in item 8, requested the General Synod, according to Article 80 of the Constitution, to send down to the Classes, for approval or rejection, such Liturgies and Hymn Books as have not yet been so referred. This request was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. George Wm. Welker, D. D., Wm. H. H. Snyder, Fred. P. Leich; Elders Daniel Zimmerman and Richard W. Eastlack. This Committee, during the afternoon session of the

eightth day (Wednesday) of the sessions, submitted their report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee, to which was referred item 8, of the report on the Minutes of the German Synod of the East, being a request that this Synod order a final disposition of the several Liturgies and Hymn Books now in use in our churches, would respectfully report :

That this Synod fully appreciates the expression of devoted attachment to the Reformed faith and the symbols of our Church by this body. While the Committee is aware that the occasion for much of the discord in our beloved Zion has come from the introduction and use of the several Liturgies in the worship of our congregations, yet, after the action of Synod last evening in the adoption of initiatory measures that look to the restoration of peace and harmony in our communion, your Committee do not deem it advisable at this time to send the several Liturgies and Hymn Books, whose use has been permitted in the churches, down to the several Classes for approval or rejection ; but, as all the questions involved must needs come before the Commission contemplated in the paper of Dr. Weiser, as adopted, therefore,

Resolved, That the entire disposition of this whole matter be referred to the consideration of said Commission, when appointed by the several Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WM. WELKER, *Chairman*.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac, during the session on Monday morning, reported, in item 8, that the recommendation to the District Synods, as reported in item 33 of the Committee on the Minutes of General Synod, concerning the expenses of delegates to the Synods of the Church, was referred to the General Synod's Committee on the Revision of the Constitution. In regard to this, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That, while the form of the action in this case (in submitting the request directly to the General Synod's Committee) is not in accordance with our regular order, the recommendation is accepted and the matter referred as desired.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, who shall pre-

pare a deliverance on the *ordination* of such ecclesiastical bodies as bear a separatistic character, and that they report to the next General Synod.

The Committee consists of Revs. George W. Welker, D. D., Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Herman Rust, D. D., George B. Russell, D. D., and John Kuelling, D. D.

On motion, this action in regard to the salary of the Clerks was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk and the Assistant Clerk of the General Synod shall each receive a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for their services per session and traveling expenses.

ARTICLE XIX.

SYNODICAL ARCHIVES.

Nothing occurred requiring action or record.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

I. REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The Treasurer of the General Synod submitted his report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

WILLIAM D. GROSS, *Treasurer, in account with the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.*

1875.

RECEIPTS.

May 19	By balance in Treasury.....	\$1,271 14
Sept. 28	“ Mr. W. E. Schmertz, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod..	225 00
1877.		
May 22	“ John W. Brown, Treasurer of Synod of Northwest...	167 00
July 9	“ Rev. J. H. Good, D. D., Treasurer of Ohio Synod.....	230 00
Sept. 6	“ Mr. C Breidenbach, Treasurer of German Synod of the East.....	45 00
Oct. 28	“ Mr. Louis Markell, Treasurer of Synod of the Potomac.	166 00
1878.		
May 16	“ Mr. Thomas J. Craig, Treasurer of Pittsburg Synod..	117 00

\$2,221 14

1875

EXPENDITURES.

May 25	To Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., salary as Stated Clerk.....	\$ 75 00
May 25	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	35 00
May 25	" Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.	3 00
May 25	" Rev S. Mease, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	28 00
May 25	" S. N. L. Kessler, traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	35 00
May 25	" G. B. Russell, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches... ..	3 00
May 25	" J. I. Swander, traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	13 50
May 25	" Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	6 00
May 25	" Rev. E. R. Esehbach, traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	10 00
May 25	" Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	6 50
May 25	" Rev. H. J. Rütenik, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	27 50
May 25	" Rev. G. W. Williard, D. D., traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	30 00
May 25	" Rev. F. K. Levan, traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	23 00
May 25	" Elder Israel Laucks, traveling expenses in attending the meeting of the Committee on Union between the Reformed Churches.....	5 80
May 25	" Rev. S. R. Fisher, D. D., expenses as Committee on Church Property at Germantown, Pa.....	5 00
Aug. 19	" the Elm Street Printing Co., Cincinnati, for printing English Minutes.....	240 00
Aug. 19	" Rev. I. H. Reiter, D. D., traveling and other expenses as Stated Clerk.....	31 00
Aug. 19	" Rev. J. Dahlmann, Assistant Clerk, salary.....	75 00
Aug. 19	" " " traveling and other expenses.....	27 50
Aug. 23	" Grant, Faires & Rodgers, Philadelphia, for printing German Minutes	166 94
1876.		
June 20	" Rev. Thos. G. Apple, D. D., traveling expenses to General Synod of Reformed Church in America.....	20 00
1878.		
May 16	" balance in Treasury.....	1,354 40
		\$2,221 14

The Treasurer would inform General Synod that the Synod of the United States failed to pay its assessment of \$275. Also, that the United States Bond of \$500, known as the "German Hymn Book Fund," was called in by the Government and realized \$561.42 in currency; the interest on this Fund amounts to May 1, 1878, \$260.65. Paid to Rev. H. J. Rütenik, D. D., for the German Printing House at Cleveland, Ohio, as ordered by General Synod at Fort Wayne, Indiana, \$193.65. Balance in Treasury, May 16, 1878, \$67.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. GROSS, *Treasurer.*

II. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was received, and as amended, together with the report of the Treasurer, adopted:

Your Committee would report that they have examined the Treasurer's report, with accompanying vouchers, and find it to be correct.

The receipts, including a balance of \$1,271.14 in the treasury at the Synod of Fort Wayne, amount to.....\$2,221 14
Disbursements in the meantime..... 866 74

Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of.....\$1,354 40

From the same report your Committee also learns that all the assessments upon the District Synods have been paid, with the exception of that of the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, which is \$275.00

To meet the estimated expenses of the General Synod, including \$284 05, as ordered by the Synod to be paid to the delegates of certain Classes in attendance upon the present sessions, \$150.00 ordered to be paid to Rev. H. Hanhart, and \$40.00 as compensation to the sexton, \$1,500.00 will be needed.

This amount has been assessed on the basis of membership, as directed by Synod, upon the several District Synods, and is as follows, viz:

Synod in the United States.....	\$640 00
Synod of the Potomac.....	260 00
Synod of Ohio.....	250 00
Synod of the Northwest.....	170 00
Synod of Pittsburg.....	100 00
German Synod of the East.....	80 00

\$1,500 00

Your Committee has also examined the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension, and find it correct. A balance of \$702.11 still remains due to the Treasurer. The Treasurer's reports afford us no evidence that the Synod of Ohio, the Synod of the Northwest, and the Synod of Pittsburg, have paid any portion of their apportionments, made by order of Synod some years ago, to cancel the indebtedness due the Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension. It seems also probable that the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States has failed in meeting its apportionment in full.

The adoption of the following resolution is therefore recommended :

Resolved, That the delinquent Synods be earnestly urged to meet their indebtedness without further delay, and that the Treasurer of the former Board of Church Extension, George Gelbach, be requested to inform each of the above-named Synods of the amount of their indebtedness on said apportionments.

Your Committee also recommend the payment, by the Treasurer, of forty dollars to the sexton of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as compensation for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. HERMAN, *Chairman*.

III. RESPECTING THE DEFICIENCY IN THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

The Treasurer of the General Synod, as reported, during the afternoon session on Friday, in item 3, by the Committee on Minutes of General Synod, was instructed to pay the deficiency, or balance due to the Treasurer of the Church Extension Fund. This matter was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Revs. Henry W. Super, D. D., Calvin S. Gerhard, Milton H. Sangree; Elders William D. Gross and Lewis Keller.

In the final disposition of this subject, during the morning session of the last day of the sessions, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The subject-matter referred to the Special Committee, raised under item 3 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, relative to the deficiency of the Church Extension Fund, has been reported and acted upon through the Committee on Finance; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Committee is hereby discharged.

IV. PAYMENT OF BILLS BY TREASURER AUTHORIZED.

The Treasurer of General Synod was instructed to pay, as per order, the following bills, viz:

1. Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., \$20.00—expenses as delegate to the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America in 1876.
 2. Rev. Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., \$5 00—expenses as delegate to the Triennial Provincial Synod of the Moravian Church in 1876.
 3. Delegates from the Classes of Iowa, Northern Illinois, Shelby, Kansas, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Sheboygan, Ursinus, and North Carolina, to this General Synod, \$284.05—being one-third of their traveling expenses.
 4. Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., \$11.50, for expenses incurred by the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution.
 5. For printing of tickets for use of the Synod, \$2.00.
 6. The sexton of the First Reformed Church, for services rendered during the sessions of Synod, \$40.00.
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V. TREASURER AUTHORIZED TO PAY DELEGATES AND COMMITTEES.

On motion, the following action was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, whenever the General Synod appoints delegates to represent it, or committees to attend to business for it, the Treasurer in all such cases shall pay the bills of their expenses, and that this resolution shall be a warrant for the same.

ARTICLE XXI.

PUBLICATION.

The Stated Clerk of the General Synod, in response to the inquiry raised in item 15 in the report of the Committee on Minutes of the General Synod, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

I would hereby report that, in accordance with the instructions of the Synod, I had 2,500 copies of the Minutes of the last General Synod officially published in the English language, and, through the Assistant Clerk, 1,250 copies in the German language; and that

they were distributed among the several District Synods, according to the ratio of assessment made for contingent purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk.*

The following action, in regard to the publication and distribution of the Minutes of the present General Synod, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to have 2,800 copies of the Minutes of the present General Synod, duly authenticated, published in the English, and 1,000 copies in the German language.

Resolved, That, after supplying by mail the ordained ministers and the delegated elders of this Synod, and the several Boards of the Synod, and the Treasurers of the District Synods, with an *official* copy of the Minutes, the remaining copies be distributed among the several District Synods, according to the ratio of assessment made for the contingent fund of General Synod.

The German Philadelphia Classis, as reported by the Committee on Official Reports of Classes, in item 13, during the morning session of the sixth day of the sessions, requested the General Synod to provide every minister and delegated elder with a copy of the Minutes of the General Synod, in the German and the English language. In regard to this request, on motion, the following action was adopted:

WHEREAS, The English copy is the recognized official copy of the Minutes of the General Synod; therefore,

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to furnish each minister of the Reformed Church in the United States, and each delegated elder to the General Synod, with an official copy of the Minutes of the General Synod.

With reference to the furnishing of the Minutes of the District Synods to the General Synod, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Stated Clerks of the several District Synods be, and hereby are, requested to furnish three copies of the Minutes, for each of the three preceding years, for the use of the General Synod at its triennial sessions.

ARTICLE XXII.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The Standing Committee on Nominations, as the order of the day for four o'clock on Saturday afternoon, submitted their report through the Chairman, Rev. Frederick W. Berleman. The report was received, and as amended adopted; and the Stated Clerk was instructed to have three hundred copies of the nominations printed for the use of the General Synod. It was ordered, in view of the double sets of names proposed, that in the case of delegates to corresponding bodies, those receiving the highest number of votes respectively shall be regarded as *primarii*, and the others as *secundi*; and, that in the case of the several Boards, the eight ministers and four elders receiving the highest number of votes shall be regarded as elected.

The election was made the order of the day for Monday immediately after the opening of the afternoon session of Synod, and at the appointed time the election was held. Revs. S. N. L. Kessler, James Crawford, John H. Sechler, Charles F. Kriete, John R. Skinner, Calvin S. Gerhard, John W. Love and Edwin R. Williard were appointed tellers; who, having distributed the tickets among the members of Synod, received and counted the ballots, and reported the result through the President. For the result see Articles XI., XIII. and XIV.

The roll of the General Synod having been completed, and a quorum being found present, the Synod, immediately after the opening of the afternoon session of the second day (Thursday) of the sessions, proceeded to the election of officers. Revs. Samuel N. Calender, D. D., William C. Cremer, Geo. W. Welker, D. D., and Theodore J. Bacher were appointed tellers, who received and counted the ballots. The election was held, the President being elected by ballot and the other officers by acclamation. For the result of the election, see Article III., Election of Officers.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DERELICTION OF OFFICIAL DUTY.

On motion, the following action was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Pittsburg Synod did not furnish its Minutes of the last three years to this General Synod, and Rev. Jacob Dahlman has offered to lay before the Synod said Minutes for the use of the Committee on the Minutes of the Pittsburg and Potomac Synods ; therefore,

Resolved, That Rev. Jacob Dahlman be requested to hand the Minutes of the Pittsburg Synod, in his possession, to said Committee for present use ; and that the attention of the Pittsburg Synod be called to the dereliction of its Stated Clerk, Article 76 of the Constitution.

CENTENNIAL HISTORICAL SKETCH OF REFORMED CHURCH.

The Committee appointed by the General Synod, in 1875, to prepare a record of the historical origin of the Reformed Church, together with a statement of her doctrine and government, and to which reference is made in item 16 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod, presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

As to the Committee appointed by the last General Synod, consisting of Revs. Elnathan E. Higbee, D. D., Benjamin Bausman, D. D., Nicholas Gehr, D. D., to prepare a Centennial historical sketch of the Reformed Church in the United States, in the absence of the Chairman (Dr. Higbee), the undersigned would report that the said Committee failed to attend to the duty assigned them. In behalf of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN BAUSMAN.

REPORTERS OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Soon after the permanent organization of the General Synod, on motion, Revs. Cyrus Cort, James Crawford and Henry T. Spangler were appointed to report the proceedings of this General Synod to

the Associated Press and city papers: and a short time previous to the final adjournment of Synod, they submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Special Committee, appointed to make reports of Synodical proceedings to the Associated Press and the city papers beg leave to report that they have discharged the assigned duty according to the best of their ability. Reports were regularly furnished the Associated Press, *Philadelphia Times and Press*, and the *Baltimore Sun*. Our reports were greatly condensed by the editorial authorities; but we think our efforts have contributed largely to the publicity of the main proceedings of this reverend body.

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS CORT,
JAMES CRAWFORD,
HENRY T. SPANGLER.

In connection with the adoption of this report, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this General Synod are hereby tendered to the reporters for their efficient and satisfactory services.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

During the afternoon session on Friday, the third day of the sessions, Revs. Israel S. Weisz, D. D., John A. Peters, Sebastian C. Goss; Elders John F. Orth and Christian Hanenkrat were appointed a Committee through whom all applications for leave of absence shall be made. This Committee, shortly before the final adjournment, through the Chairman, Rev. Israel S. Weisz, D. D., presented their report, stating to the effect that, for reasons deemed sufficient in each case and mostly on the last day or two of the sessions, they had granted leave of absence to the following delegates:

CLASSES.	MINISTERS.	ELDERS.
<i>E. Pennsylvania.</i>	Alfred J. G. Dubbs. Samuel A. Leinbach. Alfred J. Herman. Daniel Y. Heisler.	Thomas F. Butz. George Hagenbuch.
<i>Lebanon.</i>	Charles H. Leinbach,	D. D. John Meily. John F. Orth.
<i>Philadelphia.</i>		Hiram C. Hoover. Jacob Force.

<i>E. Susquehanna.</i>		George Hill.
<i>Goshenhoppen.</i>	Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.	John B. Holloway.
<i>Tohickon.</i>		Samuel T. Morris.
<i>Miami.</i>		Andrew H. Baughman.
		William Kefauver.
		John Siegfried.
<i>Tiffin.</i>	Geo. W. Williard, D. D.	Lewis Keller.
	Jesse Richards.	John Hilbish.
<i>N. Illinois.</i>	Daniel Lantz.	Frederick Bolender.
<i>Iowa.</i>	Dewalt S. Fouse.	Daniel Cort.
<i>St. Joseph.</i>	John R. Skinner.	S. A. Brownwell.
	Edwin R. Williard.	
<i>Cincinnati.</i>		Henry Schroer.
<i>Indiana.</i>	Lewis Praikschatis.	
<i>Sheboygan.</i>	John Blaetgen.	
<i>Heidelberg.</i>	John H. Stepler.	
<i>Erie.</i>		Bernard Sturm.
		William Becker.
<i>Milwaukee.</i>	Augustus Becker.	
	Fred. P. Leich.	
<i>Minnesota.</i>	J. H. C. Röntgen.	Peter Mades.
<i>Zion's (N. W. S.)</i>		Henry Tons.
<i>Somerset.</i>		Joseph Horner.
<i>Allegheny.</i>	Joel W. Alspach.	Thomas J. Craig.
<i>Zion's (Pa.).</i>		Francis M. McKeehan.
<i>Virginia.</i>	Samuel N. Callender, D. D.	
	Joseph S. Loose.	
<i>West New York.</i>	John B. Kniest.	
<i>Ger. Philadelp'a.</i>	Jacob Dahlman.	

During the morning session of the third day (Friday) of the sessions, the General Synod proceeded to select the place and fix the time for its next triennial meeting. The place put in nomination was the First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio. The Stated Clerk was instructed to cast the ballot for the place. The result was that the First Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, was chosen as the place; and the second Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 18, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock in the evening, was fixed by Synod as the time.

In view of respectful and cordial written invitations received from the Diagonthean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lancaster, the following resolution was adopted by the General Synod:

Resolved, That the General Synod gratefully receives and thankfully accepts the invitation of the Diagonthean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, to attend its anniversary on Friday evening, May 17, in Fulton Hall; and also that of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lancaster, to visit the Art Exhibition at their rooms, on any afternoon that may best suit the members of Synod.

Also a communication was received, during the afternoon session on Tuesday, from the Faculty of Franklin and Marshall College inviting the members of the General Synod to visit the grounds and buildings of the institution, at such time as may be most convenient for them. In response thereto, it was

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, thankfully accept the invitation, and as members will cheerfully avail ourselves of the opportunity thus afforded to visit the grounds and buildings of the institution.

On Friday morning, the third day of the sessions, immediately after the opening of the session, Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, D. D., rose to a question of privilege relating to a statement published in a Lancaster daily of May 8, 1878. And immediately after Dr. Bomberger had made his statement, Rev. Emanuel V. Gerhart, D. D., also rose to a question of privilege.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

VOTE OF THANKS.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the entire Reformed Church in the United States, do hereby acknowledge our devout gratitude to Almighty God, the Giver of every good and perfect

gift, for the manifest guidance of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations, and that now, after so happy an issue of differences, we join hearts and hands and will go forth as one man in promoting and carrying forward the faith, the piety, and the benevolence of our beloved Zion, with redoubled energy and zeal.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this General Synod be, and hereby are, tendered to the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, for the use of their church in which to hold our present sessions; and to the members of the several Reformed churches and other citizens of Lancaster for the very kind and hospitable entertainment extended to its members during our pleasant sojourn among them, and that we invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon them.

Resolved, That the different pastors of the Reformed churches of this city be requested to read the foregoing resolutions from their pulpits.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be instructed to return the thanks of this General Synod to the following railroad companies, namely, the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Northern Central Railway, the Philadelphia & Erie, the Philadelphia & Reading, the Lehigh Valley and the Cumberland Valley Railroads, the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway, the Pittsburg, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway, and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, for permitting the members of Synod to pass over their respective roads at reduced fare.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be rendered to the Press for their faithful recital of the proceedings of this Synod; and that it is hereby requested to publish the foregoing resolutions.

The Roll was called, and the following named members were found absent without permission, namely, Rev. Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Elders Thomas Faust, J. H. Michael, Henry Dillier and J. N. Nicely.

The Minutes of the last day of the sessions were then read, and they were adopted as a whole, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Resolved, That the General Synod now adjourns to meet again, in triennial sessions, in the First Reformed Church at Tiffin, Ohio, on the second Wednesday before Ascension Day, May 18, A. D. 1881, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The General Synod adjourned on Thursday, May 23, at 12 o'clock M., and closed its sessions with singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, the repetition of the Apostles' Creed, prayer by the two Vice-Presidents, Rev. Peter Greding, D. D., in German and Rev. Benjamin Bausman, D. D., in English, uniting in the Lord's Prayer, doxology, and benediction by the President.

DAVID VAN HORNE, *President*.

ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

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ISAAC H. REITER, *Stated Clerk*.

STATISTICAL REPORTS.

THE SYNODS AND THE CLASSES.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CONGREGATIONS.	CHARGES.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Pressure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
I. SYNOD IN U. S.																			
1. East Pa. Classis.																			
Wm. A. Helfrich, D. D.,	4	Ziegel, &c.,	750	660	123	78	670	50	44	6	450	7	\$300 60	\$4000 00	Fogelsville, Pa.				
J. Sassaman Herman,	5	Kutztown,	950	500	160	60	600	2	40	6	460	2	375 00	800 00	Kutztown, Pa.				
Cyrus J. Becker,	2	Howertown,	672	563	49	38	625	10	20	4	390	2	95 76	1200 00	Catasauqua, Pa.				
Alfred J. Herman,	6	Zion,	730	290	70	50	560	4	40	7	400	1	72 65	1350 00	Maxatawny, Pa.				
Daniel F. Brendle,	3	Farmersville,	575	383	42	30	400	4	16	7	240	1	172 39	2100 00	Bethlehem, Pa.				
Isaac K. Loos,	1	Bethlehem,	499	385	49	24	425	18	5	17	320	2	517 23	460 00	"				
Ed. W. Reinecke, D. D.,	3	Plainfield,	900	600	40	27	625	2	22	3	8	2	126 00	733 00	Nazareth, Pa.				
Wm. R. Hoffer,	1	South Whitehall,	220	130	5	28	170	2	8	3	3	1	318 17	2152 35	Allentown, Pa.				
Abr Bartholomew,	4	Mahoning,	530	400	132	27	395	23	35	11	421	1	30 06	1200 00	Lehighton, Pa.				
N. S. Strassburger,	1	Zion's Ref., Allentown,	678	413	37	24	463	23	35	1	421	1	231 69	2500 00	Allentown, Pa.				
Robt. Lisberger,	3	Oxford Furnace,	268	120	54	64	236	1	16	3	260	3	137 25	9000 00	Bath, Pa.				
Edward J. Fogel,	4	Jordan,	900	700	66	64	737	12	48	13	375	3	125 00	1500 00	Fogelsville, Pa.				
Martin A. Smith,	3	Dryland,	825	600	28	13	500	4	23	3	250	1	209 00	6713 20	Nazareth, Pa.				
Samuel A. Leinbach,	3	Egypt,	500	435	45	48	428	4	21	9	375	3	175 00	300 00	Coplay, Pa.				
Samuel G. Wagner,	1	St. John's Ref., Allent.	412	240	11	24	330	1	2	1	280	2	745 00	1200 00	Allentown, Pa.				
Levi K. Derr,	2	Slatington,	430	260	74	31	375	3	23	3	280	2	77 30	96 00	Slatington, Pa.				
Frederick H. Schwartz,		Without Charge,											4 20	4 20	Bernville, Pa.				
Thomas C. Porter, D. D.,	1	Easton,	495	351	28	27	428	3	13	1	300	2	745 00	3088 00	Easton, Pa.				
Alfred J. G. Dubbs,	1	Salem's Ref., Allent.,	450	300	63	125	165	450	55	1	600	1	77 30	1200 00	Allentown, Pa.				
Benjamin Weiss,	4	Lenhardsville,	510	235	57	24	425	1	29	4	225	1	96 00	1200 00	Lenhardsville, Pa.				
Jared Fritzinger,	1	Christ's Miss., Allent.	76	100	17	70	43		6	1	130		4 20	4 20	Allentown, Pa.				

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Charles A. Rittenhouse,	2	Kreidersville,	680	560	71		34	5	519	3		41	6	475	1	\$64 61	\$5100 00	Cherryville, Pa.
Horatio Daniel,		Without Charge,																Nazareth, Pa.
Daniel Y. Heisler,	1	Grace Ch., Easton,	57	20	16		2	11	57			2	1	60		24 76	1800 00	Easton, Pa.
Thos. N. Reber,	3	Macungie,	675	250	60		44		372			21	4	375		108 00	975 00	Macungie, Pa.
Philip A. Schwarz,	1	Tamaqua,	260	175	30		28		170				1	175				Tamaqua, Pa.
Tilgham O. Stem,	1	St. Mark's, Easton,	175	90	21		19	16	143	3		1	1	272		72 39	1953 19	Easton, Pa.
Charles Becker,		Without Charge,																Weissport, Pa.
Thomas A. Huber,	4	Brookheads-ville,	322	275	67		35		237	1		17	4	200		53 51	900 00	Brookheads-ville, Pa.
Joseph E. Freeman,	3	Weissport,	320	270	53				210			29	7			54 68	950 00	Weissport, Pa.
Wm. C. Schaeffer,		Prof. State Normal,																Kutztown, Pa.
John J. Crist,	1	Catasauqua,	127	112	5			6	101			2	1	140		33 14	475 00	Catasauqua, Pa.
Charles W. E. Siegel,	6	Hamilton,	210	170	12				152			10	3	150		10 15	513 00	Scioto, Pa.
James N. Bachman,	3	Jacksonville,	335	175					260									Kutztown, Pa.
H. H. W. Hirschman,	3	Mt. Bethel,	508	250	62		32	2	440	3		7	5	290	1	70 00	1100 00	Stony Run, Pa.
John E. Smith,	3	Moore Township,	300	210					240									Stone Church, Pa.
L. K. Loos,	1	Rittersville congr.,	110	95	19		34	3	103	3		10	1	50		16 00	175 00	Bath, Pa.
N. Z. Snyder,	"	Freemansburg congr.,	157	90	13		4	3	120	5		6	1	120		28 60	1000 00	
B. Weiss,	1	Blandon congr.,	115	50	2		9		96			5	1	50		5 00	125 00	
J. N. Bachman,	1	Lowhill congr.,	130	110	4		11		100			3	3		1			
Dr. Helfrich,	1	Lynnstown congr.,																Easton, Pa.
L. K. Derr,	1	Leighton congr.,	150	170	5		13	20	130			3	1	200		25 00	3000 00	White Hall Stat'n, Pa.
A. J. G. Dubbs,	"	Emmaus congr.,	80		3				80			1				14 25		Allentown, Pa.
Benj. B. Feyer,	1	Licentiate,																
Phaon S. Kohler,		"																
Wm. H. Xanders,		"																
Total, 40.	91		16081	10737	1593		1007	362	12266	152	5	654	128	7944	26	\$4,560.55	\$56,362.74	

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C. H. Mutchler, Supply,	1	Bindagels',	20	20	1				16				1	30		\$3 69	\$50 00	
J. P. Stein,	"	Friedens' Church,	105	85	13				75	2		3	1	50		9 00		
G. Wolff, D. D.,	"	Rehbersburg,							99			4						
P. P. A. Hoffman,	"	Shoenakersville,	118	50	8				95			5	1	85		9 25		
J. E. Hiester,	"	Bellview,	30	20	3				20			2	1					
O. Baum,	"	Minersville,	75	65	10		1		75			8	1	75				
Vacant,		Pine Grove,																
Moses Peters,	4	Hamburg,	360	130	16		16		286				2	275			193 15	Hamburg, Pa.
Vacant,		Miss. S. S. in Reading,							56				5	418				Lewisburg, Pa.
J. C. Bucher, D. D.,	1	St. Clair,	80	53	1								1	80				Schaeferstown, Pa.
Aaron H. Leisse,																		Stouchsburg, Pa.
John C. Leinbach,																		
Benj. F. Biery,		Licentiate.																
Total, 38.	84		15370	9140	1434		984	210	12382	91	3	637	104	9283	16	\$7,964 78	\$53,017 27	
3. Philadelphia Classis.																		
J. H. A. Bomberger, D.D.,	1	Trappe,	245		3		11		215	5		5	1	100	3	\$175 00		Collegeville, Pa.
Jesse B. Knipe,	2	Pikeland,	155	25	7		13		150		1	1	2	100				Chester Springs, Pa.
"	1	St. Vincent,	198	40	8		6		180				1	50		80 00		Chester Springs, Pa.
William Sorber,	3	Brownback's,	412	159	17		16	5	287	3		13	3	250		140 00		Vincent, Pa.
D. Ernest Klopp, D. D.,	1	Trinity, Phila.,	320	70	15	6	17	18	260	5		4	2	325		250 00		1541 N. 7th St., Phila.
Maxwell S. Rowland,	1	East Vincent,	222		10	12	14	3	170	1		2	1	75		60 64		Spring City, Pa.
" Supply.	1	St. Matthew's,	135		2				120			2				38 10		

J. Samuel Vandersloot, James I. Good, Henry M. Kieffer, Josiah D. Detrich, " Supply, John H. Sechler, A. B. Stoner, Uriah Weidner, E. H. Diefenbacher, David Van Horne, D. D., Geo. H. Johnston, Samuel R. Fisher, D. D., Henry W. Super, D. D., Alvin S. Zerbe, Charles W. Schultz, George Leidy, Charles Lukens, William C. Hendrickson, Daniel Feete, Frederick Walk, Peter S. Davis, D. D., John Van Haagen, Joseph H. Huusberger, Geo. S. Sorber, Joseph F. Butler, Levi D. Stambaugh,	1 St. John's, W. Phila., 1 Heidelberg, 1 Ascension, 1 White Marsh, 1 North Wales, 1 Boehm's, 1 Trinity, Norristown, 1 Pleasantville, 1 St. John's, Del., 1 First Ch., Race St., 1 Christ Ref. Church, Supt. R. C. B'd & Ed. "Mess." Prof. in Ursinus Col., " Without Charge, " " " " Editor "The Mess'r," Prof. in Ursinus Col., Without Charge, Licentiate, " "	107 190 130 114 174 63 245 73 172 181	80 5 8 4 5 2 3 8 15 95	13 5 8 4 5 2 3 6 8 3 6	1 6 6 9 5 8 18 15 9	6 5 2 1 7 2 14 6 22	26 160 122 100 145 56 200 62 157 128	2 3 3 2 2 7 3 1 4 2	2 112 125 160 100 83 115 200 60 200 180	\$103 00 101 60 10 00 104 58 75 00 3 34 165 00 277 86	\$15 07 Norristown, Pa. Chalfant, Pa. Wyoming, Del. 3200 00 5033 38 907 Arch St., Phila. Collegeville, Pa. Camden, N. J. Norristown, Pa. Frankford, Phila. Bristol, Pa. Norristown, Pa. Philadelphia, Pa. 907 Arch St., Phila. Collegeville, Pa. Norristown, Pa. Vincent, Pa. Free and, Pa. Smith's Station, Pa.			
Total, 28.		3136	655	112 45	137	96	2512	64	1	54	23 2235	\$1,584.12	\$8,607.81	
4. Lancaster Classis.		360	300	11	3	8	10	275	8	12	1	280	\$1500 00	Lancaster City, Pa.
John G. Fritchey, John W. Nevin, D. D., E. V. Gerhart, D. D., Theodore Appel, D. D., Alfred B. Shenkle,	Without Charge, Retired. 1 First Ch, Lancaster, 1 St. Stephen's, Gen. Miss. Supt., 3 Millersville,*	52 286	16 115		6 23	5 1	98 233	5 2				110 175	111 40 900 00	" " " " Millersville, Pa.

* Rev. Jairus P. Moore has recently taken charge of a part of this Charge.

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Samuel Kuhn, Thomas G. Apple, D. D., Joseph H. Dubbs, D. D., Frederick A. Gast, D. D., Wm. H. H. Snyder, Darius W. Gerhard, Joseph B. Shumaker, Stephen Schweitzer, Daniel C. Tobias, John S. Stahr, Geo. W. Snyder, Conrad Clever, William T. Gerhard, John H. Pannebecker, Nathan C. Schaeffer, David B. Shuey, Louis F. Zinkhan, Abra. R. Bartholomew, Jacob F. Wiant, Monroe P. Zeller,	4 Prof. in F. & M. Col., " " Prof. in Theo. Sem'y, 1 Salem, Harrisburg, 4 New Holland, 1 St. Paul's, Lancaster, 6 Reamstown, 4 Bethany, Prof. in F. & M. Col., 1 2d Ch., Harrisburg, 1 Columbia, 1 Zwingle, Harrisburg, 3 Elizabethtown, Principal Normal Sch., 2 New Providence, 2 Manheim, 1 Hummelstown, Without Charge, Licentiate.	232 290 375 250 625 360 115 155 83 210 115 155 83 210 164 115 60 60	90 155 215 125 200 210 96 130 44 210 96 130 44 210 100 60 50	18 21 12 9 64 22 10 14 6 10 14 6 7 19 2 3 1	4 2 23 3 28 6 1 1 3 1 3 6 3 3 5 3 1	8 11 31 8 90 14 8 7 6 9 7 6 9 8 3 4	4 19 4 5 3 5 3 9 1 8 1 1 6 6 1 4	193 250 310 225 475 275 75 113 43 143 115 103 46	6 6 6 1 5 5 2 4 11 1 3 1 3 1 5	1 4 11 1 47 10 1 4 4 4 6 2 2 1	1 1 1 5 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	80 302 135 204 225 125 1 210 165 30 130 184 250 69	Students for Ministry.	\$110 00 423 24 230 48 200 00 90 00 43 00 53 91 80 00 15 13 50 10 48 00 76 00 140 00	\$408 00 10,632 70 1075 00 1600 00 700 00 550 00 701 95 1200 00 800 00 635 00 525 00 900 00 140 00	Hummelstown, Pa. Lancaster City, Pa. " " " " Harrisburg, Pa. New Holland, Pa. Lancaster City, Pa. Lincoln, Pa Litiz, Pa. Lancaster City, Pa. Harrisburg, Pa. Columbia, Pa. Harrisburg, Pa. Elizabethtown, Pa. Kutztown, Pa New Providence, Pa. Manheim, Pa. Hummelstown, Pa. Lancaster, Pa. Allentown, Pa.		
Total, 28.	36		3732	1906	226	101	236	75	2972	60	8112	33	2734	3	\$2,388.34	\$22,379.05		
5. East Susquehanna Ch. Rudolph Duenger, Alfred Houtz,	1 4	Ashland, Orangeville,	310 215	250 126	40 13		21 7	1	300 195	1	14	14	1 4	160 114		\$50 00 60 00	\$800 00 705 00	Ashland, Pa. Orangeville, Pa.

Aaron R. Hottenstein,	7 Mahanoy,	520	390	20	1	25	429	2	5	8	300	\$125 00	\$1000 00	Greenbrier, Pa.
Calvin S. Gerhard,	1 Sunbury,	175	110	10	6	10	141		6	1	130	63 00	1150 00	Sunbury, Pa.
Tilghman Derr,	6 North Susquehanna,	362	270	13	1	21	283		15				1000 00	Berwick, Pa.
Henry S. Bassler,	6 Deep Creek,	350	300	15			275		14	1	50	10 00	617 50	Millersburg, Pa.
John M. Clemens,	5 Conyngham,	640	400	104	3	39	520	6	74	5	300	87 00	900 00	Conyngham, Pa.
William G. Engle,	6 Uniontown,	750	300	54		39	535	3	20	6	500	82 87	925 00	Pillow, Pa.
Geo. B. Dechant,	4 Catawissa,	515	475	71		43	395	2	25	4	200	95 40	1050 00	Catawissa, Pa.
Vacant.	5 Armstrong Valley,	241	187											
John K. Millet,	3 Paradise,	519	263	25	2	16	490	6	5	3	325	175 00	1650 00	McEwensville, Pa.
Solomon B. Shafer,	2 Milton,	230	150	13	2	7	200	10	5	1	225	33 00	1000 00	Milton, Pa.
David O. Shoemaker,	1 Shamokin,	280	200	28		22	230	6	10	14	250	30 57	1400 00	Shamokin, Pa.
" " Supply,	1 St. Peter's,	85	60	3			75			1	30	15 00		
Vacant,	4 Augusta,	280	202	29		10	270	5	9	6	120	95 00	800 00	Sunbury, Pa.
Isaac E. Graeff,	Without Charge,													
Jacob E. Kerschner,	3 Millersburg,	334	234	33		10	261	5	7	3	230	84 00	835 00	Tamaqua, Pa.
Rudolph Kunz,	1 Grace,	805	725	118		37	679		36	3	376	10 00	4096 00	Millersburg, Pa.
George C. Hall,	3 Danville,	290	172	18	5	19	234	4	13	2	325	265 00	2150 00	Hazleton, Pa.
Walter E. Krebs,	1 Bloomsburg,	117	121	8			96		10	1	176	40 00	458 00	Danville, Pa.
" " Supply,	1 Hellers,	108	55	2			90		2	1	75		56 00	Bloomsburg, Pa.
A. S. Stauffer,	3 Berrysburg,	234	159	24		12	171	5	3	3	385	11 58	550 00	Lykens, Pa.
Mahlon H. Mishler,	2 Weatherly,	175	145	37		17	109		28	2	140	50 00	2700 00	Weatherly, Pa.
Julius C. J. Kurtz,	Without Charge,													
Edward D. Miller,	1 Ringtown,	126	100	33	1	26	120	2	19	1	40	12 00		Shamokin, Pa.
Franklin K. Levan.	1 Wilkesbarre,	41	29	6		7	40	2						Ringtown, Pa.
Vacant.	2 Overton,								16	3	240			Wilkesbarre, Pa.
Zwingli A. Yearick,	3 Mt. Zion,	470	375	40	1	16	400							Turbotville, Pa.
Vacant.	1 Emanuel's,	45	45	15			45			1				
G. Dickey Gurley,	Licentiate.													Delmont, Pa.
Benj. F. Metzger,														Higginsville, Pa.
Total, 23.	78	8217	5893	772	16	400	171	57	139	341	62	\$1,394.42	\$23,842.50	
6. West Susquehanna Ch.														
William H. Grob,	5 Boalsburg,	429	375	31		22	9	2	16	6	265	\$369 59	\$1025 00	Boalsburg, Pa.
David G. Klein,	3 Eden,	150	139	7		2	119		1	2		5 00		Walker, Pa.
George E. Addams,	3 Mifflinburg,	412	168	26		18	312	2	10	3	303	256 58	1353 52	Mifflinburg, Pa.

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William W. Clauser,	4	White Deer,	290	200	36		10	4	285			11	4	150		\$115 30	\$650 00	White Deer Mills, Pa.
William A. Haas,	5	Selin's Grove,	390	280	56		21	3	360	4	1	14	5	300		92 00	1000 00	Selin's Grove, Pa.
William M. Landis,	6	Rebersburg,	262	250	19		3	6	197	4		9	5	210		105 59	700 00	Rebersburg, Pa.
Hiram King,	2	Bellefonte,	152	95	5		4	11	120	4		2	1	85		50 00	1100 00	Bellefonte, Pa.
Willoughby Donat,	6	Liverpool,	177	263	22		1	10	141	1	1	8	6	251		23 50	913 00	Oriental, Pa.
John F. DeLong,	1	Williamsport,	210	173	12		19	18	186	7		2	2	300		75 00	959 14	Williamsport, Pa.
James Crawford,	2	Lewisburg,	346	209	9		2	13	340			9	2	300		173 24	3500 00	Lewisburg, Pa.
Jos. G. Shoemaker,	4	Aaronsburg,	360	250	10		12	10	305	6		25	4	250		225 00	1700 00	Aaronsburg, Pa.
George F. Hartzell,	4	Nittany Valley,	199	191	41		28	7	185	4		7	3	150		114 50	1000 73	Walker, Pa.
Abraham Ronich,	5	Beaver Springs,	500	300	28		18		400			8	5			20 00	500 00	Beaver Springs, Pa.
S. Sydney Kohler,	4	New Berlin,	253	191	25		6	3	195	2		4	3	150		57 59	320 00	New Berlin, Pa.
Isaac S. Stahl,	2	Lock Haven,	61	30	5		12	16	50	3		1	1	40		11 00		Lock Haven, Pa.
Prof. Daniel M. Wolf,		Penn Hall Academy, Superannuated,																Penn Hall, Pa.
Adolph B. Caspar,																		New Berlin, Pa.
John Dotterer,																		New Berlin, Pa.
Samuel M. Roeder,																		Centre Hall, Pa.
Simon Wolf,		Licentiate,																Lewisburg, Pa.
Henry Keller,		"																Boalsburg, Pa.
	56		4191	3114	332		178	110	3577	89	2	127	52	2754		\$1,698.38	\$14,718.39	
Total, 18.																		
7. Goshenhoppen Classis																		
Clement Z. Weiser, D. D.,	2	New Goshenhoppen,	975	450	53		42	8	835	3		41	2	536	1	\$633 00	\$741 00	East Greenville, Pa.
Augustus L. Dechant,	4	Old Goshenhoppen,	590	225	46		63	4	562			24	4			200 00		Pennsburg, Pa.
L. Kryder Evans,	1	Trinity Church,	530	395	50		24	11	495	5		32	1	320		231 00	322 00	Pottstown, Pa.
Lucian J. Mayer,	3	Boyetown,	772	671	46		36	10	652	4		32	1	125		228 55	4600 00	Boyetown, Pa.

Lawrence D. Leberman,	4	Pottstown,	74	34	2	780	3	1	14	3	210							Pottstown, Pa.
Simon M. K. Huber,	3	Wentz's,	60	41	15	550	3	1	30	2	300			\$167 05				Worcester, Pa.
Philip P. A. Hoffman,	4	Friedensburg,	63	67	4	515	3		41	4	175			60 00				Oley, Pa.
Eli Keller,	4	Zionsville,	70	57	2	650			21	6	400	5		249 71				Zionsville, Pa.
Daniel E. Schoedler, Sup.	2	Prof. in Oley Academy,	20	3		300	2		3	2	150			18 00	\$50 00			Oley, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr, Sup.,	1	Chertnut Hill,	12	8	1	76	2		6	1								Quakertown, Pa.
Lewis C. Herman,		Without Charge,																Gilbertsville, Pa.
Henry L. Gerhart,		Licentiate,																Pennsburg, Pa.
David Y. Schaub,		"																Hereford, Pa.
Total, 13.	28		2706	494	375	57	5415	49	1	220	26	2216	6	\$1,787.31	\$5,713.00			
8. <i>Tohickon Classis.</i>																		
William R. Yearick,	2	Hilltown,	16	12	5	343			14	2	88			\$249 24	\$2000 00			Hilltown, Pa.
David Rothrock,	2	Durham,	13	4		491	1		20	2	50			18 20	608 00			Durham, Pa.
Simon K. Gross,	2	Ridge Valley,	39	1	1	270			20	2	163			10 00	1100 00			Schlichters, Pa.
Levi C. Sheip,	1	Doytestown,	80	7	5	112	1		2	1	100	1		82 35	1000 00			Doytestown, Pa.
Amundus F. Ziegler,	3	Keller's,	222	39	7	302	7		10	3	100	1		285 70	159 18			Bingens, Pa.
Jacob Kehm,	2	Indian Creek,	500	38	8	824	10		32	1				16 00	600 00			Sellersville, Pa.
Nathaniel Z. Snyder,	2	South Bethlehem,	175	40	10	185	12		10	2	165			148 97	1500 00			S. Bethlehem, Pa.
Franklin J. Mohr,	3	Quakertown,	476	300	24	6	9	440	6	7	320			106 10	900 00			Quakertown, Pa.
R. Leighton Gerhart,	1	Riegelsville,	188	90	15	6	18	12	150	2	4	1	180	130 00	1200 00			Riegelsville, Pa.
James G. Dengler,	3	Sellersville,	375	170	20	10	33	1	350	2	14	4	150	115 94	3000 00			Sellersville, Pa.
Robert C. Weaver,	3	Friedensburg,	550	240	46	5	68		374		33	7	225	50 72	583 89			Coopersburg, Pa.
George W. Roth,	3	Tinicum,	295	19	9	1	236	4		12	2			115 00				Point Pleasant, Pa.
Abraham B. Koplin,	3	Lower Saucon,	632	22	1	400			16	5	1			40 00	490 00			Hellertown, Pa.
Henry J. Welker,	1	Springfield,	250	110	12	1	9		125		6	1		40 50	750 00			Pleasant Valley, Pa.
Brendle and Snyder, Sup	2	South Easton,	245	160	22		13	4	200	2	7	2	180					
Jacob Kehm, Supply,	1	St. John's,	35															
J. M. Hartzel, Supply,	1	Leidytown,	133	25	2	7	15	1	120		1	2	100					Chalfant, Pa.
Total, 14.	36		3073	394	54	826	66	4922	47	208	40	1821	2	\$1,408.72	\$16,076 07			

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John Pence,
Solomon K. Denius,
Christian Berentz,
Hiram Shumaker,
Eph. M. Epstein, M. D.,
Levi Rike,
Hiram Shaul,
Frank C. Withoff, Lic.,
Without Charge,
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Total, 27.

2. Lancaster Classis.

George H. Leonard,
John Vogt,
Francis C. Yost,
Silas P. Nauger,
Austin Henry,
Henry T. Spangler,*
James Hefley, Sup.,
Jacob Klingler,
Charles W. Hoyman,
William Gilpin,
Michael Loucks,
John W. Barber,
Henry King,
Peter D. Schory,
Vacant,
Without Charge,
" "
1 Church of the Cross,
3 Jerusa'm & Mt. Zwingli
Without Charge,
" "
4 Union,

Total, 14.

3. Tuscarawas Classis.

Sebastian C. Goss,
Samuel B. Leiter, D. D.,
Silas Mase,
C. Winters Good,

Without Charge, " " " " " " " " " " " "	4295	1282	159	201	397	208	3719	82	2	113	75	45	4245	2	\$988.13	\$14,712 00	Tremont, O. New Castle, Ind. Grandview, O. Lawrence, Texas. Tiffin, O. Farmersville, O. Tiffin, O. Homeworth, O.
2 Basil, 1 Delaware, 4 Somerset, 3 Winchester, 3 Kinnickinnick, 2 Lancaster, 1 North Union, 4 Stoutsville, Without Charge, " "	382 206 325 258 132 325 25 240	143 115 308 105 52 85 35 85	10 8 15 15 17 10 2 10	7 5 3 6 1 8 2 3	20 6 13 19 7 21 4 18	10 3 4 5 2 6 1 1	367 182 318 230 125 175 24 153	2 2 2 7 2 2 3 3	6 3 2 2 6 2 1 1	6 5 3 6 2 2 1 1	6 1 4 2 6 2 1 3	2 1 4 3 2 2 1 1	282 131 326 250 200 200 91	2 1 2 3 2 2 1 3	\$219 00 123 00 105 00 140 00 37 00 30 00 91 00	\$719 00 1125 00 1050 00 1400 00 630 00 800 00 715 00 362 00 675 00 350 00	Basil, O. Delaware, O. Thornville, O. Canal Winchester, O. Hullsville, O. Lancaster, O. Canal Winchester, O. Somerset, O. Basil, O. Somerset, O. Bremen, O. Baltimore, O. Lancaster, O.
4 Wadsworth, 4 Union, 4 Tuscarawas, 3 Shelby,	327 273 253 205	150 250 213 100	14 13 516 2	7 13 516 2	34 28 58 12	14 1 7 1	315 250 240 175	3 3 3 1	2 3 6 1	4 3 6 3	4 3 6 3	4 3 4 3	230 200 230 220	4 1 4 3	\$175 00 98 00 637 00 80 00	\$887 00 795 00 750 00 850 00	Wadsworth, O. Wadsworth, O. Massillon, O. Shelby, O.

* Resigned.

Augustus Konezka,	3	Zion's,	50	234	90	8	5	29	8	120	6	2	210	1	\$78 00	\$772 00	Hammsburg, O.
William J. Peters,	1	Bloomville,	76	45	8	7	10	20	10	65	1	2	1	200	30 00	600 00	West Lodi, O.
Samuel Shaw,	1	Ada,	113	160	12	10	16	11	11	92	1	2	1	195	750 00	750 00	Bloomville, O.
Lewis Richter,	2	Helena,	98	52	8	12	10	16	11	92	1	2	1	150	550 00	550 00	Ada, O.
Allen K. Zartman,	1	Bellevue,	170	130	2	6	130	6	130	10	1	1	1	100	15 00	650 00	Helena, O.
Nathaniel H. Loose,	1	2d Tiffin,	245	118	28	2	21	5	5	241	2	3	1	175	239 00	430 00	Bellevue, O.
Dr. H. Rust, Supply,	2	Fort Seneca,	120	75	9	1	1	2	2	110	2	2	2	130	90 00	325 00	Tiffin, O.
Dr. Williard, Supply,	1	St. Jacob's,	46	42	6	6	5	8	12	75	3	1	62	1	10 00	130 00	"
Dr. J. H. Good, Supply,	3	Berwick,	100	70	5	1	4	8	12	75	1	75	6 00	285 00			"
Prof. Moore, Supply,	2	Liberty Centre,	95	40	1	4	8	12	75	75	1	75	6 00	285 00			"
Alpheus E. C. Baichly,		Prof. Heidelberg Coll.															Liberty Centre, O.
Charles O. Knepper, Lic.,																	Tiffin, O.
David J. Meese,		Invalid,															Sandusky City, O.
Peter Tendick,		Without Charge,															Tiffin, O.
Joshua H. Derr,		Licentiate,															Henry, Ill.
Jairus P. Moore,		"															Millersville, Pa.
Jacob Ihle,																	Burr Oak, Mich.
Total, 18.			28	1953	1266	109	37	134	71	1571	19	22	19	2018	\$688.00	\$7,542.00	
5. St. John's Classis.																	
David Kammerer, D. D.,	1	Without Charge,	470		87	21	10	21	10	470	8	26	1	175	\$114 00		Wooster, O.
Peter Herbruck, D. D.,	3	Canton,	170		16	25		25		145	6	6	2	125	37 00		Canton, O.
John G. Zahner, D. D.,	3	Shanesville,	293		23	26		26		259	13	12	2	175	53 00	\$2,900 00	Shanesville, O.
Peter Greding, D. D.,	3	New Philadelphia,	290		325	18		18		260	10	10	3	156	22 00	500 00	New Philadelphia, O.
Frederick Schaad,		Good Hope,															Rogersville, O.
Philip Becker,		Without Charge,															Mt. Eaton, O.
Herman Korthauer, D. D.,	1	Massillon,	146		118	10	1	15	4	143	5		2	115	96 00	500 00	Bucyrus, O.
Siegfried Thomas,	3	Alliance,	215		14	14		14		190	6	6	2	55	40 00	500 00	Malvern, O.
John Biery,	3	Black Creek,	45		35					20	2	1	1	75	7 00		Walhonding, O.
George W. Henning,	2	St. Paul's,	180		15								1	82			Canton, O.
John B. Mauraire,*	1	St. Paul's, French,	350		32	1		12		325	8	8	1	150	62 00		Mt. Eaton, O.
Jonathan A. Novinger,	2	New Bedford,	300		300					151	2	2	1	175	22 00		New Bedford, O.
Henry Nau,	1	St. Paul's, German,	323		22	23		23		143	6	4	2	107	167 00		Mt. Eaton, O.
W. H. Wittenwiler,	2	Rogersville,	85		8	5		5		80	8	8	1	50			Rogersville, O.
E. L. Mueller,	1	St. Stephen's,															Wheeling, W. Va.

* Dismissed to the Presbytery of Wisconsin.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
Henry H. Zink,	3	Old Town,	204		25		16		204			12	1			\$17 00		Stone Creek, O.	
Julius Herold,	1	Akron,	360	190	42		19		360	2		25	1	160		92 00		Akron, O.	
Edmund Erb,	1	Apple Creek,	97	38	8	1	5	8	88		1	6	1	60		30 00	\$456 00	Apple Creek, O.	
Joseph L. Schatz,	4	Peace Charge,	272	163	7	2						1	3	145		21 00		Randolph, O.	
John M. Grether,	1	Osnaburg,	116	175	10		5	1	116			8	1	50	1	16 00		Canton, O.	
Vacant,	1	St. Jacob's,																	
"	1	St. Peter's,*	105		2	1	5		19			1	1	25					
Frederick Strassner,	1	Orrville,	275	200	27	1	16	12	205	11		8	1	175	1	50 00	900 00	Orrville, O.	
Vacant,	2	Mineral & Wensburg,†																	
"	1	Helvetia (W. Va.),																	
Moritz Noll,	1	Bellaire,	137	70	42		11		62				1	70				Bellaire, O.	
Milton H. Groh,																		Lake, O.	
Frederick Griese, Lic.,		Without Charge,																Barnsburg, O.	
Total, 23.	43		4433	1764	420	7	236	35	3240	39	1	13	148	29	2125	4	\$846.00	\$7,638.00	
6. Eastern Ohio Classes.																			
John Meekley,	2	Springfield,	230	198	23	3	19	5	203	4		44	15	1	96		\$103 00	\$450 00	Petersburg, O.
Michael A. Miller,	2	Carrollton,	349	69	11	12	25		275	10		11	1	210		49 00	945 00	Carrollton, O.	
John M. Kendig,	1	Columbiana,	164	84	17	2	6	4	120		3	4	1	161		48 00	1335 00	Columbiana, O.	
John J. Leberman,	3	Louisville,	425	105	30	5	39	17	335	5		2	7	3	345	1	57 00	950 00	Louisville, O.
Edward H. Otting,	5	Warren,	210	140	12				195			37	7	3	140		58 00	668 00	Warren, O.
Jacob B. Zumpe,	3	Canfield,	250	150	20													Canfield, O.	
Henry Hilbish,	2	Mt Olivet,	231	145	18	1	15	17	175	4		21	5	2	225		19 00	1050 00	North Lima, O.
James T. Hale,	2	New Lisbon,	160	70	7		3		130			3	1	115		46 00	525 00	New Lisbon, O.	
Frederick F. Christine,	1	New Jefferson,	101	52	5		1	3	85	2		7	4	1	85		80 00	325 00	Germano, O.

* Supplied by Rev. Geo. W. Henning.

† Supplied by Rev. John C. Klar.

Vacant,	
"	2 Moultrie,*
"	1 St. Martin's,†
	1 Leetonia Mission,
	— 25
Total, 10.	

7. *N. Illinois Classis.*

2	Foreston,	96	64	5	4	96	2	3	1	50	\$20 00	\$550 00	Foreston, Ill.
3	Dakota,	67	37	2	1	60	1	3	2	60	68 00	550 00	Dakota, Ill.
1	Damascus,	27	15	1		27				45	10 00	80 00	Lena, Ill.
1	Loran,	80	68	7		70	1	1	1	38		300 00	Loran, Ill.
2	Washburn,	100	75			100	45		1	60			La Rose, Ill.
4	Orangeville,	89	27	2		65	2	4	240		5 00	425 00	Orangeville, Ill.
1	Freeport,	82	14	7	5	70	12	2	1	60	12 00	350 00	Burr Oak, Mich.
14	Total,	541	300	24	10	488	16	49	11	553	\$115.00	\$2,255.00	Freeport, Ill.

8. *Shelby Classis.*

Jeriah S. Shade,	3	Astoria,	81	75	7		72	2	2	\$4 00	Astoria, Ill.				
Simon P. Myers,	4	Anna,	178	110	8	19	26	5	174	2	1	3	165	28 00	Anna, Ill.
Daniel K. Fuleason,		An Invalid,													Blue Mound, Ill.
Robert F. Oplinger,	3	Mt. Zion's,	114	103					80		2	150		20 00	Edinburg, Ill.
John Naille,															Lions, Ill.
Vacant,	3	Altamont,	87	57					71		1	65		12 00	Altamont, Ill.
"	2	Shelbyville,	80						70						Shelbyville, Ill.
Total, \$.	15		540	345	1519	26	5	467	2		3	8	452	\$56.00	

9. *Iowa Classis.*

3	Harmony,	135	95	9	2	15	3	115	12	3	5	2	125	\$115 00	‡ Union Sunday Schools.
4	Tipton,	136	63	8	2	4	19	128	4	1	5	4	2	115	‡ Supplied by Rev. John C. Klar.
3	Maquoketa,	58	45	7	9	17	7	58	3	10	1	2	65	25 00	

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† Union Sunday Schools.

Solomon Ream, H. Leutzinger, Daniel Kroh, David H. Reiter,	3 Wakeshma, Without Charge, " " " "	124	73	121	4	5	114	1		1	2	100	\$15 00	Fulton, Mich. Sturgis, Mich. Erie Mich. Berrien Springs, Mich.
Total, 17.		82	1481	622	52 60	136	76	1235	15	1	26	1697	\$269.00	\$5,943.00
11. Cincinnati Classis.														
Wm. F. Horstmeier, John Heckman, Bernhard R. Huecker, C. F. Wm. Stechow, John C. Henneman, John Bachman, G. J. Reiche, Nathaniel Rutenik, Augustus Toensmeier, Oswald J. Accola, Henry Hanhart, Vacant,	2 Ev. Reformed Church, 1 Salem's Church, 1 Ref. Church, Cov., Ky., 6 Beaver Church, 5 Jackson Charge, 1 1st Reformed Church, 3 Rising Sun, 2 Arnheim, 1 Ironton, 1 2d Reformed Church, Without Charge, 1 Piqua, Zion's Church,	147 741 202 250 254 430 172 80 160 233 34	80 425 133 195 128 310 123 100 94 119 54	12 85 29 27 33 31 15 20 15 4 2	52 11 22 4 12 2 11 13	2 18 20 22 4 8 2 5 2 2	135 710 151 200 151 390 171 80 150 160 53	2 2 3 2 1 9 18	1 1 1 4 2 2 15 5 8 3 4	75 390 150 160 230 80 85 115 173	\$58 00 340 00 81 00 32 00 37 00 249 00 20 00 6 00 35 00 109 00	\$700 00 2000 00 1150 00 540 00 725 00 1550 00 1400 00 500 00 900 00 955 00	Millville, O. Cincinnati, O. Covington, Ky. Beavertown, O. Beaver, O. No. 64 15th St., Cin., O. Rising Sun, Ind. Higginsport, O. Ironton, O. Dayton, O. Cincinnati, O. Piqua, O.	
Total, 11.		24	2703	1761	273	128	55	2352	710	34	95	17 1503	\$967.00	\$10,420.00
12. Kansas Classis.														
Joseph A. Keller, John A. Nicolai, Emanuel Richards, Elias Bauman, Joseph H. Schlappig, Emanuel Schultz,* Daniel J. Greenawald,	1 Denver Mission, 3 Wathena " 3 Brown Co. Mission, 1 Turkey Creek Miss.,† 1 Ravanna Mission, 1 Hiawatha,‡	41 171 48 71 17 40	36 140 53 73 30	10 9 1 16 4	3 13 1 2 1	6 †84 48 54 9	31 †84 48 54 9	3 †3 1 7 2	2 2 1 1 2	110 †105 25 40 50	\$32 00 †9 00 6 00 7 00	\$385 00 †164 00 250 00 110 00	Denver, Col. Wathena, Kan. Grand Prairie, Kan. Abilene, Kan. Ravanna, Mo. Hiawatha, Kan. Long Island City, N. Y. Sebatha, Kan.	
Total, 6.		10	388	332	36	1	20	226	1	13	8	330	\$54.00	\$909.00

* Dismissed to North Classis of Long Island, Reformed (Dutch) Church.
 † Report of two congregations only.
 ‡ Lately taken charge of by Rev. Abraham Bolliger.

† Supplied by Rev. E. Bauman.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation- al Purposes.		
III. SYNOD OF N. W. 1. <i>Zion's Classis.</i> Charles F. Kriete, John Niehoff, Peter H. Dippell, Philip Ruhl, Peter Vitz, Charles Schaaf, John B. Ruhl, William Hansen, Peter Kohl, Arnold A. K. Heineman, Gottlieb Beisser, John Baumgartner, J. F. Geissel, Wendell Wasnich, H. A. Schwichtenberg, C. Fred. W. Hustedt.	1	Salem,	220	160	23		11	13	150	6		4	1	150	1		\$41 30	\$1500 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
	3	Brush Creek,	221	210	20		16	3	118	3		1	2	126			62 71	824 45	Archbold, O.	
	1	St. Peters,	260	220	29		10		230			4	1	85			100 00	800 00	Huntington, Ind.	
	5	Auburn,	340	210	23		11	2	220			10	3	160			67 32	900 00	Auburn, Ind.	
	3	Newville,	76		15		13	10	150	1	5		7	3	100			64 40	420 00	Vera Cruz, Ind.
	1	St. John's,	363	366	33		23	29	312			1	17	1	245	1		121 86	1500 00	Fort Wayne, Ind.
	2	Edgerton,	95	60	6		25	10	85			4	3	2	100			35 95	325 00	Edgerton, O.
	1	Zion,	104	104	35		8	8	104				4	1	100			38 00	925 48	Detroit, Mich.
	2	Zion,	64	68	3		8		64		8		3	2	40			26 25	135 00	Ai, Fulton Co., O.
		Defiance,	168	182	21	4	17	29	172	6	3		12	3	84			40 00	710 60	Defiance, O.
		Adams,																		Decatur, Ind.
																				Akron, O.
																				Columbia City, Ind.
																			Pulaski, O.	
																			Medaryville, Ind.	
																			Leslie, O.	
	27		115	65	3					1			1	1	30			\$8,040.53		
			2026	1595	211	4	142	104	1605	1716	5	66	20	1220	2			\$597.79		
			276	135	31		23	10	205	20	1		9	1	90	1		\$186 00	\$672 00	Sheboygan, Wis.
			70	68	2		5		55				1	40	40			20 00	60 00	" Franklin, Wis.
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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Isaac Matzinger, Herman I. Stern, Anthony Seyring, C. F. Fleiner, Vacant, Charles Hartman, Vacant,	2 Marion, 1 3d Salem, Louisville, 1 Crothersville, 1 Jeffersonville, 4 Lanesville, 3 Charleston, 1 Olney,* 3 Corydon,	111 77 58 150 162 85 100	99 65 60 140 46 86		2 8 7 22 5 6 9		16 33 7 20 5 21 11	5 33 4 4 5 2 6	111 65 61 136 96 80 45		2 1 1	2 4 6 2 4 1 1	2 1 1 1 4 2 1	89 107 36 135 46 84		\$40 00 \$400 00	\$400 00	Clay City, Ind. Louisville, Ky. Crothersville, Ind. Jeffersonville, Ind. Lanesville, Ind. Charleston, Ind. Olney, Ill.
Total, 21.	35		3236	2455	359	1	239	112	2817	41	4	2107	26	1868	5	\$1,101.00	\$14,744.00	
4. Heidelberg Classis.																		
John Winter, John H. Klein, D. D., Herman Korthauer, D.D., John J. Weiss, Edward D. Wettach, Daniel H. Schoepfle, Christian Schroth, William Herr, Christian Wisner, John Geo. Ruhl, John H. Stepler, Henry Rusterholz, Moritz Heinze, F. W. H. Kukherman,	2 Crestline, 1 Galion, 1 Bucyrus,† 2 Wetstein, 4 Broken Sword, 3 Caroline, 4 1st Marion, 4 2d Marion, 2 Upper Sandusky, 4 Kenton, 1 Lima, 2 Riley Creek, 3 Spencerville, 1 New Knoxville,	240 407 85 122 165 227 192 195 195 248 193 164 350	160 366 40 100 100 185 138 181 200 181 129 133 62 250		19 33 11 8 8 24 12 6 8 16 22 8 22 32		15 18 5 12 7 10 19 12 10 31 29 13	4 3 5 1 3 4 5 18 10 4 10 157 29 13	235 350 62 120 100 198 175 125 185 104 130 157 130 300	4 2 2 2 2 4 2 2 2 3 2 4	2 8 1 2 4 5 4 2 3 7 10 4 2 14	6 1 1 2 4 5 4 3 3 2 4 2 1	2 150 43 90 150 145 40 150 225 150 126 238 130 130	1 1 1 2 3 2 3 3 3 2 1 2 3 1	\$140 00 192 00 16 00 70 00 38 00 52 00 66 00 70 00 87 00 39 00 128 00 17 00 400 00	\$750 00 1065 00 850 00 600 00 400 00 535 00 500 00 600 00 950 00 1000 00 624 00 1281 00 700 00	Crestline, O. Galion, O. Bucyrus, O. Cleveland, O. Sulphur Springs, O. Carrothers, O. Marion, O. Prospect, O. Upper Sandusky, O. Kenton, O. Lima, O. Bluffton, O. Delphos, O. New Knoxville, O.	

* Supplied by Rev. Ellers, of the Presbyterian Church.

† Recently taken charge of by Dr. Korthauer.

William Dieckman, 2 Ashland,		1 New Bremen,	79 75	54 42	6 1	4 8	79 66	3 2	1 1	85 51	\$226 00 120 00	\$588 00 305 00	New Bremen, O. Galion, Bluffton, O. Fostoria, O. Wheeling, Ill. Napa, Cal.
37	Total, 21.		3088	2321	236	2	164	67	2566	15	13	2	\$1,701.00 \$10,616.00
5. Erie Classis.													
Herman J. Rutenik, D. D., Ed. Kirch. Zeitung,													
1	Christopher Schiller,	1 Toledo,	218	147	42	17	12	218	5	11	1	135	1 \$124 00
1	M. Treiber,	1 Sandusky,	321	270	15	14	7	190	113	2	1	250	71 00
2	Gerhard Kuhnlen,	2 Vermillion,	256	258	17	12	150	12	15	2	2	125	58 00
1	Fred. Forwick,	1 1st Church,	263	226	17	12	12	180	7	4	10	1	305 00
1	John Chr. Young,	1 2d "	186	120	13	11	12	175	15	14	1	150	2 273 00
1	Charles G. Ziph,	1 3d "	146	118	16	16	22	125	6	5	1	125	36 00
1	H. Trautman,	1 4th "	96	67	5	10	2	80	5	2	1	200	142 00
1	William Braun,	1 5th "	34	34	3	2	7	28	10	1	70	41 00	120 00
1	John G. Kuhl,	1 Kelley's Island,	45	40	4	5	45	2	2	1	43	39 00	380 00
2	J. B. Braun,	2 Birmingham,	103	109	10	7	8	100	4	2	2	71	41 00
3	Henry Wegert,	3 Haskins,	78	98	3	3	9	65	9	1	2	60	520 00
1	William Renter,	1 Zoar,	42	37	3	7	10	40	2	1	1	38	46 00
2	Nicholas Wiers,	2 New Bavaria,	354	117	10	12	11	234		16	2	160	25 00
1	Reemt Janssen,	1 Huron,	16	20				16		1	1	30	4 00
Augustus F. Shade, Oswald J. Accola,*													
19	Total, 14.		2158	1661	158	116	100	1646	59	43	69	18	1607
6. Milwaukee Classis.													
Frederick Künzler,													
E. R. Hinske,													
John J. Brecht,													
2 Waukesha & Pewaukee													
1 St. Stephan's Cong.,													
1 Prairie du Sac Cong.,													
191 224 30													
85 72 51													
54 53 8													
15 2 61													
14 1 45													
4 1 25													
\$35 00													
\$1000 00													
Waukesha, Wis. [Ill. 1189 State St., Chicago, Sault City, Wis.													

*Recently taken charge of 2d Reformed Church, Dayton, O., within the bounds of Cincinnati Classis.

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					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation- al Purposes.	
Henry Brünger,	1 St. John's,	1 St. John's,	120	162	13	8	113					4	1	32		\$19 00		Kohlville, Wis.
William G. Kuntzel,	3 1, 2 and 3 Ref. Congs.,	3 1, 2 and 3 Ref. Congs.,	252	201	26	8	200					3	2	70		30 00		Lowell, Wis.
Frederick P. Leich,	1 Friendship Cong.,	1 Friendship Cong.,	146	140	8	11	85					4	1	75		55 00	\$672 00	Riceville, Wis.
Augustus Becker,	1 St. John's Cong.,	1 St. John's Cong.,	140	125	10	6	127					7	1	80	1	73 00	750 00	Waukegan, Ill.
John J. von Grünigen,	2 Sauk City & Harrisburg	2 Sauk City & Harrisburg	205	200	15	3	150					7	2	65		7 00	420 00	Sauk City, Wis.
Henry A. Meier,	1 Zoar Cong.,	1 Zoar Cong.,	91	67								1	1	75				Watertown, Wis.
Ludwig Kenn,	2 New Berlin & Vernon,	2 New Berlin & Vernon,	170	164	4		113					2	2	55				Waukesha, Wis. [Wis.
John E. Terborg,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	79	58	9	8	10					1	1	125		166 00	592 00	495 4th St., Milwaukee,
Augustus Günther,	1 St. Jacob's Cong.,	1 St. Jacob's Cong.,	79	55	3	5	2	49				1	1	38		26 00		St. Killian, Fond du Lac,
John Wernly,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	94	82	10	5	12	70				4	1	60	1	25 00	500 00	Freeport, Ill. [Wis.
Christian F. Keller,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	1 1st Ref. Cong.,	55	48	36	8	36					1	1	125		35 00	1707 00	Chicago, Ill.
Total, 13.	19		1761	1651	223	66	96	1355	17	7	63	18	931	2		\$486.00	\$5,641.00	
7. Minnesota Classis.																		
Charles Lienkemper,	1 Ebenezer,	1 Ebenezer,	83	82	4		5	75	4			2	1	45		\$902 00		Waukon, Iowa.
A. Merz,	1 Zwingle,	1 Zwingle,	70	87	11		2	12				2	1	25		9 00	\$7 00	Concord, Minn.
Conrad Ochsner,	1 St. Paul,	1 St. Paul,	84	112	5	6	5	28	2			1	1	32		41 00		Norwood, Minn.
Augustus Kanne,	1 Trinity,	1 Trinity,	40	47	4			30				1	1	36		66 00		Box 193 LaCrosse, Wis.
Edward F. E. Fuerer,	1 St. Paul,	1 St. Paul,	40	60	20		2	23	2			1	1	45		12 00	170 00	Alma, Wis.
Herman Hesser,	1 Immanuel,	1 Immanuel,	42	50	12	10	40					1	1	36		6 00		Fountain City, Wis.
Lawrence Ziegler,	1 St. John's,	1 St. John's,	98	82	6	8	4	23	1			1	1	24		23 00	55 00	Bongard, Minn.
William Köhler,	1 Zoar,	1 Zoar,	30	28	3		2											Dahlgren, Minn.
J. Henry C. Röntgen,	1 St. John's,	1 St. John's,	77	69	16	4		50				5	1	49		41 00	224 00	Box 293 LaCrosse, Wis.
Henry Schenk,	1 Salem,	1 Salem,	27	23	6	2	25						1	12		2 00		Ridgeville, Wis.
William Fribolin,*																		Owatonna, Minn.

* Rev. Wm. Fribolin is not yet received.

NOTE.—The statistics of the vacant congregations at Giard and Greenwood are wanting.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES.	CHARGES.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Com- muned.	Dis- missed.	Excom- municated.	Eras- ure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Min- istry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation- al Purposes.	
Jacob F. Snyder, Vacant, John W. Love, Samuel Z. Beam, John M. Titzel, John McConnell, Henry Bair, John I. Swander, Vacant, David B. Lady, Loran B. Leasure, Lucian Cort, J. Wm. Knappenberger, James Grant,	2 Emanuel, 4 Latrobe, 3 Second Greensburg, 4 Mt. Pleasant, 1 Irwin, 2 St. James, 1 Pine Run, 2 Salem, 1 Scott Dale, Brush Creek,* Without Charge, Prin. G. F. Seminary, Prof. G. F. Seminary, Without Charge,	24	237 330 243 288 172 145 111 241 43	226 310 238 200 165 129 95 178 38	14 24 18 23 10 6 1 17 1	1 3 12 12 1 2 9 12 5	5 6 18 8 2 2 8 10 4	232 316 219 280 150 116 106 178 39	19 3 3 7 3 1 1 8 3	6 3 2 3 1 1 4 4 3	2 3 2 3 1 1 2 2 1	170 130 180 185 100 60 90 106 80	2 2 2 3 1 1 1 2 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	\$155 00 135 00 880 00 245 00 240 00 81 00 64 00 70 00 53 00 35 00	\$955 00 880 00 1555 00 1050 00 1250 00 600 00 750 00 693 00 1000 00	Manor Dale, Pa. Greensburg, Pa. Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Irwin, Pa. Salina, Pa. North Washington, Pa. Latrobe, Pa. Manor Station Pa. Greensburg, Pa. " " " " St. Clair, Pa.		
Total, 14.		24	2453	2229	138	5	96	47	2161	47	26	38	20	1301	2	\$1,353.00	\$10,308.00		
2. Clarion Classis.																			
William C. Houpt, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher Vacant, Henry Hoffman, Alpha K. Kline, John Wolbach, Vacant, Wm. C. B. Shulenberg,	2 Tylersburg, 2 Kittanning, 4 Curllsville, 3 Beaver, 2 South Bend, 2 Paradise, 4 St. John's, 2 St. Petersburg,		47 255 270 225 207 300 170 322	45 215 200 200 164 270 220 360	5 22 17 25 12 32 18 18	3 3 4 4 4 18 1 11	8 20 4 6 8 18 1 8	42 243 241 200 200 225 139 305	5 2 2 4 4 10 2	1 5 16 8 5 17 1 4	1 2 3 3 2 2 2 1	50 150 230 150 191 90 165	2 2 4 3 2 2 2 1	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1	\$13 00 164 00 104 00 258 00 123 00 88 00 15 00 265 00	\$932 00 812 00 950 00 725 00 900 00 132 00 11,500 00	Lineville, Pa. Kittanning, Pa. Monroeville, Pa. Elderton, Pa. Troutville, Pa. St. Petersburg, Pa.		

* This is a new charge, being formed from the First Greensburg Charge.

Moses H. Diefenderfer, Joseph B. Thompson, Tilghman R. Dietz, Henry W. Hoffmeier, Josiah J. Pennypacker, " " " "	3 Plum Creek, 4 Red Bank, 4 Jefferson, Without Charge, " "	165 275 150	117 200 100	11 13 12	3 2	15 77	17 9	165 265 120	1 265 120	4 6 4	3 4 4	75 170 100	\$104 00 102 00 23 00	\$552 00 840 00 500 00	Elderton, Pa. Shannondale, Pa. Sprangle's Mills, Pa. Lancaster, Pa. Rimersburg, Pa.	
Total, 11.	32	2386	2080	185	12	178	64	2145	24	120	51	28	1361	3	\$1,250.00	\$17,343.00
3. St. Paul's Classis.																
David D. Leberman, Frederick B. Hahn, Fred. P. Hartmetz, Joseph H. Apple, Frederick Pilgram, John W. Poutius, " " Josiah May,	2 Meadville, 2 Greenville, 1 Sharon, 2 Saegertown, 4 Shenango, 4 Zion's, 1 St. Paul's,* 2 Mercer,	196 225 125 165 487 117	85 168 121 125 299 13	20 23 14 5 27 13	7 10	3 4	190 198 82 160 430 2	3 3	6 7 7 1 13 4	2 2 1 1 4 3	200 170 64 30 380 115	\$115 00 96 00 3 00 70 00 299 00 66 00 29 00 24 00	\$802 00 950 00 950 00 1150 00 1130 00 515 00 560 00	Meadville, Pa. Greenville, Pa. Sharon, Pa. Saegertown, Pa. Greenville, Pa. Cochran, Pa. Titusville, Pa. Balm, Pa.		
Total, 7.	18	1425	870	110	48	14	1152	10	40	15	959	3	\$702 00	\$6,157.00		
4. Somerset Classis.																
Benjamin Knepper, Samuel R. Breidenbaugh Henry F. Keener, John Ruhl, Albert E. Truxal, Lewis D. Steckel, Francis R. Schwedes, Calvin U. Heilman, William H. Bates, " "	3 Wellersburg, 1 Berlin, 5 Zion, 1 Frostburg, 5 Somerset, 4 Meyersdale, 1 Cumberland Mission, 4 Paradise, 5 Beam, 1 Hooversville,† " "	129 209 298 200 250 359 160 345 383 20	100 149 247 175 140 237 120 220 164 20	26 11 28 10 12 21 12 54 24	5 8 26 13 12 15 9 28 21	2 2 1 4 7 8 4 3 5	92 163 283 200 230 280 144 305 341	2 7 5 15 5 4 9 7	2 1 3 1 2 8 4 5 14	13 6 5 2 12 4 1 5 1	2 100 115 150 150 180 100 260 212 15	70 1 3 1 1 4 1 4 1	\$30 00 96 72 121 05 100 00 143 90 69 83 5 00 101 70 210 00	\$700 00 1070 00 1350 00 1500 00 3091 00 1400 00 2420 00 1077 00 9 00	Wellersburg, Pa. Berlin, Pa. " " Frostburg, Md. Somerset, Pa. Meyersdale, Pa. Cumberland, Md. Elk Lick, Pa. Stoystown, Pa.	
Total, 9.	30	2353	1572	199	137	36	2038	50	69	24	1352	3	\$878.20	\$12,617.00		

* Dismissed to West New York Classis.

† Supplied by the pastor of Beam Charge.

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5. Allegheny Classis.																		
Thomas. J. Barkley,	1	Grace,	138	86	4		2	126	2			2	1	85		\$878 00	\$1825 00	[Pa. 13 Fayette St., Alleg'y, Butler, Pa.
Thomas F. Stauffer,	1	Sp't. St. P. Orp'n Home,	248	131	8	5	18	230	3			5	1	235	1	160 00	1020 00	Harmony, Pa.
Francis A. Edmonds,	2	Sugar Creek,	329	285	29		12	290				13	2	160		285 55	1412 00	Barnhart's Mills, Pa.
Joel W. Alsopach,	1	Fairview,	118	97	6		3	107	7			1	1	30		193 66	917 00	Baldwin, Pa.
Joseph Hannabery,	1	Zion,	45	29	1		4	35	3				1	65		10 00	722 00	[Pa. East End, Pittsburg, Middle Lancaster, Pa.
Harry D. Darbaker,		Without Charge,																
Casper Scheel,		"																
Charles Knepper,	1	First Church, Alleg'y,	50	27	4		6	14	46	7		1	1	52		12 48	700 00	Mansfield Valley, Pa.
Wm. F. Lichtler,*	1	Trinity,	54	62	4		1	42	2			1	1	60	2	15 00	890 00	Woodstock, Va.
John M. Souder,	2	Butler,	123	68	5			101	1			2	1	50		22 00	450 00	Wilkinsburg, Pa.
William B. Sandoe,			1105	785	64	6	41	42	977	25		25	9	707	3	\$1,576.69	\$7,936.00	Butler, Pa.
Total, 11.	10																	
V. POTOMAC SYNOD.																		
1. Zion Classis.																		
Jacob Sechler,	4	Manheim,	455	180	26		38	430				12	8	200		\$206 47		Hanover, Pa.
Fred'ick W. Vandersloot		Without Charge,																York, Pa.
Daniel Riegel,	2	Dillsburg,	245		16	2	8	200				10	2			200 00		Dillsburg, Pa.
Jacob Ziegler,		Without Charge,																York, Pa.
Jacob O. Miller, D. D.,	1	Trinity Church, York.	401	286	19	8	35	19	370	14		10	3	575		475 00	\$2205 00	"
Daniel Gring,	4	Shrewsbury,	450	220	41		34	400	8			8	7	225	1	86 60	400 00	Shrewsbury, Pa.
Wm. K. Zieber, D. D.,	1	Hanover,	337	275	19		22	12	275	6		6	1	250		398 00	1303 45	Hanover, Pa.
John Ault,	4	Christ Church,	970	530	57		58	17	900	8		18	3	350		180 00	335 00	Littletown, Pa.

* Resigned and accepted a call to Woodstock, Va.

Wm. R. H. Deatricks,	2	Mechanicsburg,	291	187	15	8	5	285	2	23	2	196	\$105 00	\$1395 00	Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Jacob D. Zehring,	5	Emanuel's,	990	402	81	10	66	8	852	2	23	10	86	965 00	Codorus, Pa.
Reinhart R. Smith,	5	Trinity,	283	117	47		18	2	177	1	2	6	174	13 00	York, Pa.
Aaron Wanner,	3	York Springs,	203	170	8	1	1	2	170		2	3	130	50 00	" "
Aaron Spangler,	1	Zion's Church, York,	460	169	18		33	7	288	2	14	1	100	57 74	" "
Francis S. Linderman,	4	Zion's Charge,	350	300	25		16	17	300		13	5	250	125 50	Blain, Pa.
Reuben Rabauser,		Without Charge,													Dallastown, Pa.
Israel S. Weisz, D. D.,	4	Paradise,	800	520	76		35	9	703	11	24	10	360	340 00	York, Pa.
Moses Kieffer, D. D.,	2	Gettysburg,	325	200	15	3	10	7	310	2	5	1	125	62 00	Gettysburg, Pa.
Wm. H. Herbert,	4	Landisburg,	300	157	5		7		235	2	5	4	195	296 99	Landisburg, Pa.
Andrew J. Heller,	3	Conawago,	475	300	14		14	1	400		10	3	200	186 64	Arendtsville, Pa.
Amos H. Kremer, D. D.,	1	Carlisle,	233	117	7	1	2	2	158	4	7	1	146	14 00	Carlisle, Pa.
J. Marion Mickly,	85	Newburg,		120	7		2		85		5	1	85		Newburg, Pa.
Wm. F. Colliflower,	675	Abbotstown,	675	625	38	8	21	10	600	5	10	7	395	81 35	New Oxford, Pa.
Frederick J. Sauerber,	157	Heidelberg Ch., York,	157	125	15	3	7	20	127	3	4	1	185	200 00	York, Pa.
John Kretzing,	286	New Bloomfield,	180	180	10	1	8	2	218	15	7	3	282	75 80	Newport, Pa.
U. Henry Heilman,	120	Duncannon,	98	18			5	7	90		2	3	165	13 93	Duncannon, Pa.
Vacant,	183	Sulphur Spring,	107	4			17		149		4	3	60	37 00	Carlisle, Pa.
F. E. Vandersloot,		Without Charge,													Herdon, Va.
Geo. W. Glessner, D. D.,		"													Shippensburg, Pa.
E. Garver Williams,	150	Kreutz Creek,	150	150	10		4		118		5	4	300	39 00	York, Pa.
A. Wanner, Sup.,	75	1 Mt. Zion Cong.,	75	72	2				50			1	60	16 00	
Pastors of Perry Co., " "	10	1 St. Andrew's Cong.,	10						10		1	3	100		
R. Rabauser,	100	3 Mt. Pleasant Charge,			12		7		80						Littlestown, Pa.
Wm. D. Lefevre,		Without Charge,													Landisburg, Pa.
Samuel T. Wagner,		Licentiate,													Shrewsbury, Pa.
Ambrose D. Gring,		"													
Total, 30.	76		10199	5607	605	32	454	157	7960	81	2	96	5786	\$16,977.87	

2. Maryland Classics.

Joseph W. Santee, D. D.,	4	Cavetown,	370	150	13		4		320	5	5	4	200	\$96 62	Cavetown, Md.
George L. Staley, D. D.,	25	1 St. Stephen's, Supply,	25	25	3		2		25	3		1	30	17 80	Knoxville, Md.
Edmund R. Eschbach,	525	1 Evangelical Reformed	525	100	38	6	38	1	380	14	35	1	500	915 56	Frederick, Md.
William Goodrich,	150	2 Clear Spring,	150	200	20	12	17	3	150	4	7	2	140	97 00	Clear Spring, Md.
Simon S. Miller,	160	2 Boonsboro,	160	116	8		2	2	140		6	2	140	1175 00	Boonsboro, Md.

Adam C. Whitmer,	1	Altoona,	1	150	1	\$251	25	\$1300	00	Altoona, Pa.						
Elnathan E. Higbee, D.D.	74	10	240	2	7	18	260	16								
John H. Sykes,	194	160	74	5	1	5	74	5								
Albert G. Dole,	355	150	10	3	1	94	3	75	00	Mercersburg, Pa.						
John A. Peters,	365	100	10	14	4	214	4	245	00	Greencastle, Pa.						
Ellis N. Kremer,	328	220	17	1	2	250	3	180	00	Huntingdon, Pa.						
Milton H. Sangree,	250	150	10	5	11	3	180	254	35	Alexandria, Pa.						
Henry I. Comfort,	200	174	9	7	4	125	1	157	50	Bedford, Pa.						
Henry F. Seiple,	295	225	20	4	9	3	120	52	00	Everett, Pa.						
David N. Dittmar,	348	270	39	4	20	4	250	60	00	Chambersburg, Pa.						
David M. Whitmore,	278	200	20	1	9	2	135	260	00	Henricetta, Pa.						
John M. Schick,	86	63	7	1	13	2	200	700	00	St. Clairsville, Pa.						
William I. Stewart,	246	350	17	4	4	55	00	344	80	Charlesville, Pa.						
Charles Gundlach,	72	59	8	7	1	303	25	200	00	Orbisonia, Pa.						
Isaac M. Motter,	144	45	6	1	4	190	1	3504	25	St. Thomas, Pa.						
David W. Ebberly,	156	60	8	18	1	67	24	320	00	Chambersburg, Pa.						
William C. Cremer,	274	295	8	8	2	260	1	3066	30	Waynesboro, Pa.						
William Aug. Gring,	142	104	8	2	1	125	74	650	00	Shippensburg, Pa.						
Henry F. Long,	360	375	30	4	6	370	558	1500	00	Chambersburg, Pa.						
J. Alvin Reber,	170	105	6	2	2	65	16	100	00	Buffalo Mills, Pa.						
Cyrus H. Reiter,	283	264	26	15	18	2	330	200	00	Sarah, Pa.						
Henry S. Garner,	253	190	19	9	3	150	11	300	00	McConellsburg, Pa.						
Frederick A. Rupley,	200	150	10	5	7	2	120	422	00	James Creek, Pa.						
J. David Miller,	190	140	5	2	8	2	100	600	00	Schellsburg, Pa.						
Vacant,	72	55	2	4	10	2	150	225	00	Martinsburg, Pa.						
Franklin F. Bahner,	338	246	14	2	5	3	200	143	10	"						
George R. Zacharias,					2	1	50	367	71	State Line, Pa.						
Jacob B. Kerschner,					2	1	275	2095	00	Waynesboro, Pa.						
Elias D. Shoemaker,					1					Upper Strasburg, Pa.						
Henry Miller,										Mercersburg, Pa.						
Jacob Hassler,										Bedford, Pa.						
John B. Kieffer,										Waynesboro, Pa.						
George F. Mull,										Mercersburg, Pa.						
John M. North,										Lancaster, Pa.						
Isaac N. Peightel,										Mercersburg, Pa.						
										Mercersburg, Pa.						
										Pattonsburg, Pa.						
Total, 36.	6373	4678	338	39	211	144	5673	119	173	54	419	18	\$6,463	15	\$27,952	40

Michael L. Heacock, John A. Foil, Julius H. Shuford, Robert F. Crooks, Vacant, " " " " " "	4 Lower Davidson, 4 Grace, Without Charge, 2 Eastern Rowan, 2 *Central " 2 † Western " 1 ‡ St. Luke Congregat'n, 1 § Moffitt's Grove Cong.,	195 192 433 109 287 36 20	90 84 131 50 140 15 10	1914 4 4 4 14 2 7	28 6 4 1 9 1	1 7 3 2 3 1	194	2 1 4 3 7 1	95 50 130 105 175 40	1 1 1 1 1 1	\$200 00	Indian Hill, N. C. Newton, N. C. China Grove, N. C. Heilig's Mills, N. C.		
Total, 14.	29	2122	984	9440	85	25	410	7	30	13	835	3	\$55.17	\$633.00
6. San Francisco Classis.														
Julius H. Krueger, Julius Fuendeling, Frederick Fox, John Gautenbein, J. Muellhaupt, Lewis C. Edmonds,	1 1st Reformed Church, 1 1st " 1 Salem " 1 Ev. " 2 Salem Charge, Without Charge,	36 50 26 66	105 74 40 70	71 9 12 10	7 1 6	7 12	36 40 25 66	12 2 2 3	1 1 1 1	95 65 40 50	\$34 35 15 00 10 00		San Francisco, Cal. Stockton, Cal. Napa, Cal. Portland, Oreg. Salem, Oreg. Emporia, Kan.	
Total, 6.	6	178	289	102	6	20	167		19	4	250		\$59.35	
VI. GER. SYNOD OF EAST														
1. New York Classis.														
John F. Busche, Lewis B. Schwartz, Charles Bank, Casper Brunner, George B. Schick, Abr. Emil Dahlman, Oscar T. Lohr, Augustus Lepp,	1 New York, 1 Boston, 1 New Brunswick, 1 Bridgeport, 1 Milltown, 1 Emanuel's, " Missionary,	380 175 250 143 164 36	200 180 27 100	133 40 27 3	33 17 6 21	6 13 80 30	300 220 120 120 28	4 19 3 1	1 1 1 1 1	275 80 120 75 100	\$393 00 1700 00 900 00 16 00	\$2275 00 1700 00 900 00	108 Riv. St., N.Y. City. Boston, Mass. New Brunswick, N. J. Bridgeport, Conn. Milltown, N. J. 875 Park Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Bisrampore, India. Morges, Switzerland.	
Total, 8.	6	1148	507	203	77	49	788	923	26	6	760		\$409.00	\$4875 00

* Supplied by Rev. P. M. Trexler and J. C. Denny.

† Supplied by Rev. J. H. Shuford.

‡ Supplied by Rev. P. M. Trexler.

§ Supplied by Rev. J. W. Cecil.

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2. West New York Classis																			
Dietrich Willers, D. D.,	2 Christ's and Seneca,	100	28		20				98			5	1	20		\$11 00		Fayette, N. Y.	
John B. Kniest,	1 Zion's,	525	700		72		39		475	14		20	1	250	1	250 00	\$3500 00	71 Locust St. Buffalo, N. Y.	
Henry Beniz,	2 Clarence,	150	200		4				150			4	1	85		225 00	300 00	Clarence, N. Y.	
Henry C. Heyser,	1 Ev. Ref. Emanuel's,	150	160		17		5	2	100		8	1	1	125		246 00	1060 00	60 Ham. Pl., Rochester, N. Y.	
John Roeck,	2 Ebenezer & Emanuel's,	180	226		13		8	9	170			6	1	70	1	45 00	640 00	Ebenezer, N. Y.	
Charles Kuss,	1 Salem's,	92	46		6		5	12	81			3	1	208		19 00	800 00	417 Sherman St., Buffalo, N. Y.	
Vacant,	Dansville,																	Rochester, N. Y.	
Andrew Schroeder, Sup.,	Rochester,																	Dunkirk, N. Y.	
John Voegelin,																		Titusville, Pa.	
J. J. Roesch,	St. Paul's,																		
Total, 8.		1197	1360		132		57	23	1074	14	3	39	6	758	2	\$796.00	\$6,300.00		
3. Ger. Philadelphia Cl.																			
Nicholas Gehr, D. D.,	1 Zion's,	689	457		123	2	40	16	650	10		4	55	1	375		\$485 00	\$4282 00	1230 N. 6th St., Phil'a.
John G. Wiehle, D. D.,	1 Salem's,	631	620		363	15	100	10	625	7		132	3	876		880 00	8310 00	403 Fairm. Ave., "	
John G. Neuber,	1 Bethlehems,	614	420		146	1	58	20	614	6		108	3	650		597 00	3582 00	1532 E. Mont Ave., "	
Jacob Dahlman,	1 Emanuel's,	215	170		25	1	14	12	163			6	1	185		381 00	3500 00	213 N. 38th St., "	
Charles Becker,	1 Bethlehems,	55	56		8			2	70			3	1	60		52 00	220 00	Glassboro, N. J.	
Christian Keller,	1 Emanuel's,	80	60		29		6		76	4		14	17	1	106	58 00	900 00	207 Weis' St. Bldesb'g, Phil.	
Charles Cast,	2 St John's, Egg Harbor,	50	60		3		7		55			4	1	63		250 00	250 00	Egg Harbor City, N. J.	
	Zion's, New Germany,	86	30		7		4	3	35				3	1	12	4 00	4500 00	Lancaster, Pa.	
John Kuelling, D. D.,	1 St John's,	270	140		16		10	16	200	4		14	3	1	130		950 00	710 Selfridge St., Phil'a.	
Adam Boley,	1 St. Paul's,	148	143		46	1	7	4	140			7	1	100		27 00	686 00	2250 N. 5th St., "	
George A. Scheer,	1 St. Mark's,	165	125		29	2	17	109	241	5		7	1	275					

Herman Bokum,*

Total, 11.

4. *Ger. Maryland Classis.*

Marcus Bachman,
J. Conrad Hauser,
Herman Biefeld,
Gustavus Factus,
Conrad Borchers,
John W. Ebbinghaus,
William Schaefer,

Without Charge,

11

1 St. Paul's,
1 Immanuel,
1 St. John's,
1 Zion's,
1 St. John's,
1 1st Reformed,
Ind't Congregation,

Total, 7.

5. *Ger. West Pa. Classis.*

Gustavus B. Massalsky,
John Heberle,
Charles A. Limberg,
John Luescher,

1 St. Jacob's,
1 St. Paul's,
1 Brady's Bond,
1 Triadelphia,

Total, 4.

* Died August 5, 1878—Age 71 years, 7 months and 3 days.

	2953	2281	795	2263	2869	36	32	345	15	2832		\$2,484.00	\$27,330.00	Germantown, Pa.
	650	465	150	46	17			64	1	300		\$100 00	\$2515 00	127 Bank St., Baltimore.
	490	350	81	20	20			16	1	200		91 00	3560 00	Schroder & Sar. Sts., "
	96	70	8					4	1	36			630 00	Frederick, Md.
	515	225	51	39	57			51	1	250		100 00	4000 00	10 N. Front St., Baltim'e
	319	150	48	18	260			18	1	125		50 00	2000 00	132 S. Sharp St., "
	125	60	20	9	51			1	1	130		70 00	700 00	N. St., n. 6. N. W., Wash,
														Baltimore, Md. [D. C.
	2198	1330	358	132	145			154	6	1041		\$411.00	\$13,405.00	
	71	46	11	4	2			4	1	32		\$73 00	\$790 00	Aurelia St., Pittsb'g, Pa.
	48	36	9	3				4		80				23d Street, "
	76	65	8					2	1	38		20 00	285 00	Butler, Pa.
	45	30	4						1	30				Triadelphia, W. Va.
	240	177	32	7	2			2	4	180		\$93.00	\$1,075 00	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, 1878.

THE SYNODS AND THEIR CLASSES.

SYNODS AND CLASSES.	No. of Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Min'ry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation ¹ Purposes.	
I. SYNOD IN UNITED STATES	8 204	430	63,081	37,224	5,357	219	3,623	1,147	50,623	559	13	2,353	468	33,730	67	\$22,782.00	\$200,717.00			
1. East Pennsylvania.	40	91	16,081	10,737	1,593		1,007	362	12,260	152	5	654	128	7,944	26	4,561 00	56,363 00			
2. Lebanon.	38	84	15,370	9,140	1,434		964	210	12,382	91	3	637	104	9,285	16	7,965 00	53,017 00			
3. Philadelphia.	30	21	8,136	655	112	45	137	96	2,512	64	1	54	23	2,235	3	1,584 00	8,608 00			
4. Lancaster.	28	36	8,732	1,906	226	104	236	75	2,972	60		112	33	2,734	3	2,383 00	22,379 00			
5. East Susquehanna.	23	78	8,217	5,893	772	16	400	171	6,583	57	1	341	62	4,741	6	1,395 00	23,843 00			
6. West Susquehanna.	18	56	4,191	3,114	332		178	110	3,577	39	2	127	52	2,754	5	1,698 00	14,718 00			
7. Goshenhoppen.	13	28	6,384	2,706	494		375	57	5,415	49	1	220	26	2,216	6	1,787 00	5,713 00			
8. Tohickon.	14	36	5,970	3,073	394	54	326	66	4,922	47		208	40	1,821	2	1,409 00	16,076 00			
II. SYNOD OF OHIO.	12 162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	19 403	541	253	20,134	23	7,032 00	80,870 00			
1. Miami.	27	50	4,295	1,282	159	201	397	208	3,719	82	2 113	75	45	4,245	2	938 00	14,712 00			
2. Lancaster.	14	29	2,295	900	99	38	137	48	1,893	22	4	12	37	1,508	2	827 00	7,826 00			
3. Tuscarawas.	15	47	2,757	1,232	107	59	214	87	2,058	17		7	41	38	2,615	6	1,391 00	11,227 00		
4. Tiffin.	18	28	1,953	1,266	109	37	134	71	1,571	19		22	28	19	2,018	3	688 00	7,542 00		
5. St. John's.	23	44	4,433	1,764	425	7	236	35	3,240	39	1	13	148	29	2,125	4	846 00	7,638 00		
6. Eastern Ohio.	10	25	2,243	1,071	146	23	105	49	1,631	27		114	56	15	1,467	1	494 00	6,618 00		
7. Illinois, Northern.	7	14	541	300	24		10	13	488	16		49	11	11	553	1	115 00	2,255 00		
8. Shelby.	5	15	540	345	15	19	26	5	467	2			8				56 00	926 00		
9. Iowa.	9	22	931	432	52	21	64	80	712	22	1	19	21	12	621		387 00	4,854 00		
10. St. Joseph's.	17	32	1,481	622	52	60	136	76	1,235	15	1	20	13	26	1,697		269 00	5,943 00		
11. Cincinnati.	11	24	2,703	1,761	278		128	55	2,352	7	10	34	95	17	1,503	4	967 00	10,420 00		
12. Kansas.	6	10	388	332	36	1	20	10	226				13	8	330		54 00	909 00		

III. SYNOD OF NORTHWEST																											
1. Zion's.	17	27	2,026	1,595	221	4	142	104	1,605	17	16	5	66	20	1,220	2	598	00	8,040	00							
2. Sheboygan.	18	21	1,974	1,397	149	2	143	79	1,642	56	1		56	19	968	3	1,427	00	6,364	00							
3. Indiana.	21	35	3,236	2,455	359	1	239	112	2,817	41	4		107	26	1,868	5	1,101	00	14,714	00							
4. Heidelberg.	21	37	3,088	2,321	236	2	164	67	2,566	15	13	2	78	30	2,028	2	1,701	00	10,646	00							
5. Erie.	14	19	2,158	1,661	153		116	100	1,646	59	43	2	69	18	1,607	4	1,215	00	7,374	00							
6. Milwaukee.	13	19	1,761	1,651	223		66	96	1,355	17	7		63	18	931	2	486	00	5,641	00							
7. Minnesota.	13	15	697	790	116		30	20	359	9	23		17	12	394		1,125	00	821	00							
8. Nebraska.	6	15	833	666	114		41	107	759	13	4	2	13	11	283		22	00	1,197	00							
9. Ursinus.	9	14	686	512	61		48	77	436	3	4	2	13	10	393		395	00	3,205	00							
IV. SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.																											
1. Westmoreland.	14	24	2,453	2,229	138	5	96	47	2,161	47		26	38	20	1,301	2	1,353	00	10,038	00							
2. Clarion.	11	32	2,386	2,080	185	12	178	64	2,145	24	1	20	51	28	1,361	3	1,259	00	17,343	00							
3. St. Paul's.	7	18	1,425	870	110		48	14	1,152	10			40	15	959	3	703	00	6,057	00							
4. Somerset.	9	30	2,353	1,572	199		137	36	2,038	50			69	24	1,352	3	878	00	12,617	00							
5. Allegheny.	11	10	1,105	785	60	6	41	42	977	25			25	9	707	3	1,577	00	7,936	00							
V. SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC																											
1. Zion's.	30	76	10,199	5,607	605	32	454	157	7,960	81	2		240	96	5,736	5	3,096	00	16,978	00							
2. Maryland.	36	69	6,373	4,678	388	39	211	144	5,673	119			173	54	4,191	18	6,463	00	27,952	00							
3. Mercersburg.	25	48	5,718	3,941	328	36	304	67	4,936	72			208	43	3,711	3	3,092	00	22,494	00							
4. Virginia.	13	23	1,788	1,021	107	19	98	34	1,488	13			38	10	707	2	918	00	12,200	00							
5. North Carolina.	12	27	1,876	696	91	15	127	8	1,785	3			42	11	550	3	295	00	5,000	00							
6. San Francisco.	6	5	276	289	102	2	6	46	243	2			20	5	280		59	00	1,000	00							
VI. GER. SYNOD OF EAST.																											
1. New York.	8	6	1,148	507	203		78	49	778	9	23		26	6	760		409	00	4,875	00							
2. West New York.	8	9	1,197	1,360	132		57	23	1,074	14	3		49	6	738	2	796	00	6,300	00							
3. German Philadelphia.	11	11	2,953	2,281	795	22	263	192	2,869	36		32	345	15	2,832		2,485	00	27,331	00							
4. German Maryland.	7	6	2,198	1,330	358		132	145	1,828		1		145	6	1,041	1	411	00	13,405	00							
5. Ger. W. Pennsylvania.	4	4	240	177	32		7	2	164	4	1	20	2	4	180	1	93	00	1,075	00							
Total, 6 Synods.																											
45,710	1,369	147,788	90,993	12,323,880	8,456	3,716	120,681	1,566	174	512	4,887	1,237	89,982	157	\$61,727.00		\$531,929.00										

CONDENSED TRIENNIAL SUMMARY.

SYNODS.	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Bap- tisms.		Addi- tions.		Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated & Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Sunday School Scholars	Students for Min- istry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
						Infants.	Adults.	Confirmed.	Certificate.								Benevolent Purposes.	Congregation- al Purposes.
SYNOD IN UNITED STATES.																		
	8204	430	63,081	37,224	16,647	407	11,344	3,354	50,623	1,805	128	6,677	468	33,730	67	\$90,570	\$604,254	
1875.....	8185	420	63,675	35,082	5,503		8,924	946	49,522	590	27	2,061	498	29,391	50	36,750	218,473	
1876.....	8194	433	63,560	36,960	5,787	188	3,797	1,261	51,398	656	88	2,263	463	31,250	61	31,038	185,064	
1877.....	8204	430	63,081	37,224	5,357	219	3,623	1,147	50,623	559	13	2,353	468	33,730	67	22,782	200,717	
SYNOD OF OHIO.																		
12162	340	24,560	11,307	4,728	1,263	4,913	2,310	19,592	1,088	1,418	1,730	252	20,134	23	21,264	255,923		
1876.....	12151	338	23,458	11,851	1,594	326	1,535	715	19,304	343	405	579	242	17,089	40	7,828	90,357	
1877.....	12158	338	24,041	11,910	1,638	473	1,771	858	19,142	377	591	610	251	18,668	34	6,404	84,696	
1878.....	12162	340	24,560	11,307	1,496	464	1,607	737	19,592	268	422	541	253	20,134	23	7,032	80,870	
SYNOD OF NORTHWEST.																		
9132	202	16,459	13,048	4,835	16	3,025	1,979	13,185	635	427	1,376	164	9,692	18	24,908	118,090		
1876.....	9124	186	14,635	12,372	1,655		1,034	623	11,765	300	172	425	130	6,516	11	9,988	28,700	
1877.....	9125	192	16,896	13,600	1,553	7	1,002	594	12,181	105	144	469	148	8,574	14	6,940	34,358	
1878.....	9132	202	16,459	13,048	1,627	9	989	762	13,185	203	111	482	164	9,692	18	7,980	58,032	
SYNOD OF PITTSBURG.																		
552	114	9,722	7,536	2,644	23	1,722	873	8,473	490	75	723	96	5,680	14	18,882	146,871		
1875.....	555	124	9,510	7,638	1,050		683	348	8,208	179	20	301	94	5,640	13	7,064	48,982	
1876.....	550	111	9,359	7,459	892		539	322	8,155	155	8	199	89	5,808	9	6,002	43,889	
1877.....	552	114	9,722	7,536	702	23	500	203	8,473	156	47	223	96	5,680	14	5,816	54,000	
SYNOD OF POTOMAC.																		
6122	247	26,230	16,223	5,570	143	4,051	1,273	22,085	867	13	2,010	219	15,175	31	39,901	85,624		
1875.....	6103	247	25,217	16,397	1,896		1,226	353	21,821	243	8	624	208	12,854	37	12,833		
1876.....	6110	246	25,129	15,607	1,953		1,625	465	21,756	334	8	665	207	13,680	38	13,145		
1877.....	6122	241	26,230	16,223	1,621	143	1,200	456	22,085	290	2	721	219	15,175	31	13,923	85,624	
GERMAN SYNOD OF EAST.																		
538	36	7,736	5,655	4,635	30	1,688	1,395	6,723	300	99	1,586	37	5,571	4	11,891	124,662		
1875.....	532	31	7,114	4,916	1,468		543	588	5,868	95	4	510	34	5,080	2	3,706	28,479	
1876.....	535	37	7,861	5,575	1,647	8	608	396	6,532	142	67	509	39	5,604	3	3,987	43,198	
1877.....	538	36	7,736	5,655	1,520	22	537	411	6,723	63	28	567	37	5,571	4	4,198	52,986	
Grand Total: Synods, 6.																		
45710	1,369	147,788	90,993	39,059	1,882	26,743	11,184	120,681	5,185	2,160	14,111	1,237	89,932	157	\$207,416	\$1,335,425		

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

OF THE

REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

Being a Triennial Exhibit for the last fifteen years.

	1863	1866	1869	1872	1875	1878
Synods.....	2	2	3	4	6	6
Classes.....	26	29	31	35	44	45
Ministers.....	447	485	526	586	631	710
Congregations.....	1,099	1,144	1,179	1,312	1,342	1,369
Members.....	98,775	109,925	117,910	130,299	142,872	147,788
Members Unconfirmed...	56,301	69,765	68,362	73,288	87,120	90,993
Baptisms, given year.....	11,739	11,175	12,776	12,487	13,500	13,203
“ in 3 years.....	35,446	33,638	36,117	38,605	41,272	40,943
Confirmed, given year.....	5,552	6,845	7,068	7,462	8,766	8,456
“ in 3 years.....	17,616	16,756	20,183	23,247	25,233	26,733
Certificate, given year.....	1,360	2,421	3,592	3,369	3,733	3,716
“ in 3 years.....	4,406	6,205	8,779	9,889	10,912	11,184
Communed.....	87,871	91,547	96,728	109,507	116,000	120,681
Dismissed, given year.....	552	1,244	1,637	1,454	1,725	1,566
“ in 3 years.....	1,674	2,975	4,459	4,762	5,000	5,185
Excom. or Erased, giv. yr..	119	196	144	318	387	174
“ “ in 3 yrs.	428	500	528	722	920	1,711
Deaths, given year.....	4,679	4,207	3,773	4,425	4,494	4,887
“ in 3 years.....	12,725	13,486	11,186	12,594	12,000	14,102
Sunday-schools.....	894	939	1,020	1,021	1,220	1,237
Sunday-school Scholars...	22,404	34,000	49,000	63,038	75,868	89,982
Students for Ministry....				75	123	157
Ben. Contribut's, giv. yr..	\$29,528	\$60,977	\$74,453	\$86,650	\$79,680	\$ 61,727
“ “ in 3 yrs..	100,000	202,718	228,818	247,387	253,766	207,417
Cong. Purposes, giv. year.					310,000	531,929
“ “ in 3 years					700,000	1,305,905

NOTE.—As the statistics of four of the Synods are those submitted at their annual meetings in the fall of 1877, the membership of the Church, given in the column of 1878 at 147,788, would at this date perhaps number 150,000. Of the 13,203 baptisms in the column of 1878, there were 12,323 infants and 880 adults; and of the 40,943 baptisms in three years, there were 39,077 infants and 1,866 adults. In some instances the baptisms were reported in one column, without any distinction between infants and adults. In all such cases, occurring in the statistical reports of Classes and in the summaries of Synods, the numbers were placed in the column for infant baptisms; and, therefore, the sum total of infant baptisms may be a little in excess of the real or correct number.—*Stated Clerk.*

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